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1,800 facing cancer check after errors

BY RICHARD DUCE AND NIGEL HAWKES

■ New guidelines for doctors who fear colleagues may be making mistakes are to be drawn up after the discovery of errors at a Birmingham cancer unit

NEARLY 2,000 cancer patients face an anxious wait to discover whether they were correctly diagnosed after an enquiry exposed a series of medical blunders at a Birmingham hospital. Some people have undergone unnecessary treatment while others have wrongly been given the all-clear.

Errors have been identified in 42 cases diagnosed by Dr Carol Starkie, the pathologist who examined tissue samples for the bone tumour service at Birmingham's Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, which serves most of Great Britain.

As a result, two children endured unnecessary chemotherapy, three patients had radiotherapy and two surgery that they did not need. Nobody is known to have died as a result of misdiagnosis, but an interim enquiry report published yesterday says that for some patients, the errors may have had irreversible consequences.

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The investigation has so far looked at 192 of the 473 cases handled by Dr Starkie in the year to last May and has uncovered 24 instances in which an independent pathologist disagreed with her findings. The bone tumour service has itself identified a further 18 errors. Now all 1,800 cases handled by Dr Starkie in the previous seven years are to be re-examined.

Consultants had expressed doubts about the diagnoses for several years, but they were criticised in yesterday's report for failing to speak out officially. Even when it was realised that patients were at risk, the hospital failed to take decisive action, preferring to contain the problem rather than report it, the enquiry concludes.

That failure has prompted Virginia Bottomley to set up a review under the Chief Medical Officer into guidelines for medical staff who believe their colleagues may be taking decisions that could harm patients. The health secretary said: "It is unacceptable for serious mistakes to be made, be repeated or go unreported."

Dr Bernard Crump, director of public health for South Birmingham Health Authority, had earlier announced the findings of the enquiry panel saying: "It has told us that the number of errors made is unacceptable. It is also a matter of great concern that managers and the health authority were not told sooner about the errors doctors already knew about."

The official enquiry was finally launched after the discovery that nine-year-old Matthew Guest had wrongly been diagnosed as having bone cancer. He had already undergone days of chemotherapy. The diagnosis had been made by Dr Starkie, who examined bone tissue samples at the Selly Oak hospital near by. Dr Starkie, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, is now on sick leave and has not worked at the hospital since.

The enquiry headed by Dr Archibald Malcolm, a pathologist at the bone cancer unit in Newcastle upon Tyne, has not established whether Dr Starkie's condition was in any way connected with her errors, but it does criticise her "dogmatic and confrontational approach" in discussions with surgeons.

The report says: "It is apparent that there were many inadequate discussions between the pathologist and surgeons. It seems that a dogmatic and sometimes confrontational approach by the pathologist to discussion prevented adequate interaction at these meetings. There was also reluctance by the pathologist to sending material for a second pathology opinion.

"The inquiry identified recent fragile relationships and poor communication between senior management and the consultant staff in the bone tumour unit. There was an apparent insensitivity to the degree of the problem and the interests of the patients.

"The surgeons were aware of a significant number of patients who had been misdiagnosed as early as May 1992 but did not think that the service was dangerous. They suggested that South Birmingham had over-reacted by calling an enquiry and that problems could be dealt with by talking to patients and relatives as had happened in the past.

"We have confirmed that an unacceptably high level of misdiagnoses resulting in a number of patients being treated inappropriately has occurred in the bone tumour unit. These were due to errors by the consultant pathologist concerned."

The health authority, which faces costly damages claims, has now set up an emergency free phone line for former patients on 0800 318 880.



Starkie: "dogmatic and confrontational"

Chess champion's confident first move

CHRIS HARRIS



Kasparov, the reigning champion, in resolute mood at Westminster yesterday

Kasparov prepares a robust defence

BY ROBERT CRAMPTON

GARRY KASPAROV flew into London yesterday in resolute mood to defend his title in the Times World Chess Championship. Asked if he had a message for his opponent, Britain's Nigel Short, Kasparov said he had, but he would "deliver it over a chess board". The two begin their battle for the championship in London's Savoy theatre on September 7.

Kasparov arrived from Moscow with Klara, his mother, to be met by his manager and the world's press. He looked tired after a hectic fortnight of business meetings in the Russian capital. "Moscow was a mess," he said, refusing to elaborate. "I have not been able to concentrate on chess at all, unfortunately. But now, I will."

Kasparov spent most of the summer in training on a tiny Croatian island in the Adriatic. He now hopes to re-establish his favoured routine of vigorous exercise followed by five hours chess analysis with his advisers and interspersed with "plenty of high-carbohydrate meals and lots of sleep".

As Kasparov arrived, Channel 4 announced details of its coverage of the championship. The first hour of each of the 24 matches, to be played every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for eight weeks beginning on September 7, will be televised live. There will be two further half-hour updates in each game, including live interviews with Short and Kasparov.

The Channel 4 commentary team will be headed by Carol Vorderman. She will be joined by grandmasters Raymond Keene, Daniel King and Jon Speelman and Cathy Forbes, the former British women's champion.

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● WHICH are the top schools for A-level? How do the state and independent schools compare? Tomorrow's *Times* carries a league table of more than 500 schools and will be the first to compare all this year's A-level results. Last year Westminster was top and the independent sector dominated the leading places. This year the general pass rate was higher than ever. Big changes in the league are expected — but will the state sector have improved its position?

● PLUS *The Times* Degree Vacancies Service continues today (page 34) with the first listing of engineering and technology places in clearing; tomorrow we return to the arts and social sciences.

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JUMBO

The Times will once again be printing its famous Jumbo crossword — an essential part of the Bank Holiday weekend.

Labour support at lowest ebb since Smith took over

BY PETER RIDDELL

LABOUR has slipped to its lowest opinion poll rating under John Smith's leadership as support for the Conservatives shows signs of levelling out after the decline of the past 12 months.

The latest MORI poll for *The Times* is likely to stir existing discontent within the Labour party — both among MPs and activists — about the leadership's alleged failure to capitalise on the government's misfortunes.

Labour retains a large poll lead over the Tories, at 42 per cent against 28 per cent, with the Liberal Democrats on 25 per cent. But Labour's rating has dropped by two points for the second month running and is five points below its March peak. This rating is lower than the party had in the 1989-90 period under Neil Kinnock, when the Tories were last in serious trouble. Moreover, John Smith's rating on how he is doing his job as Labour leader remains negative. A quarter of Labour supporters are dissatisfied with his performance.

The findings come as an intense battle is developing about the direction of the party ahead of the autumn conference. Leading modernisers such as Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, have faced criticism for changing the emphasis of the party's tax and spending policies.

The sole consolation for the Tories in the latest poll is that, for once, there is not more bad news. The party's standing has been broadly unchanged for the past four months, and John Major's personal rating has picked up very slightly from its previous record low. The Tories may have hoped for a bigger recovery, since governing parties often advance in August when MPs are away from Westminster and the opposition makes less impact in the media. But the current showing and Mr Major's continued low rating are likely to mean that the leadership faces a difficult party conference in Blackpool in early October with activists uneasy and uncertain.

The main beneficiaries of the Tories' troubles this year are the Liberal Democrats, now on their highest rating for six years. The party yesterday launched the agenda for its conference in Torquay in mid-September, when a main theme will be law and order.

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Essex girls excel in GCSE exams

BY ROBIN YOUNG

AN ESSEX girls' school was celebrating exceptional GCSE results yesterday as 19 pupils each scored ten A-grade passes. Every one of the 95 girls who sat the exams passed at least five with grades of C or higher, and almost half gained at least eight As.

Bernice McCabe, headmistress of Chelmsford County High School for Girls, Essex, said yesterday: "We had pupils of great ability so we expected them to do well, but it was a record year for us. We had decided to make ten subjects compulsory, by having all the girls take three separate sciences. The results show that our decision was fully justified."

The 95 girls took a total of 954 GCSEs and gained 663 grade As, 197 Bs, 78 Cs, 15 Ds and one E; there were no lower grades. In total, 98.3 per cent of entries from the grant-maintained school scored A to C grades, the equivalent of old O-level passes.

The school is also among the most successful schools in A-level passes.

☐ A boy aged 13 has won a place at Oxford. Adam Dent, of Edelsborough, Buckinghamshire, will start reading chemistry at St Hugh's College next year, having gained grade As in A-level chemistry and biology and a B in English GCSE.

Adam, who attends sixth-form classes at Aylesbury Grammar School, was disappointed with his B, though he completed the two-year course in just four months.

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Canon challenges 'marriage for life' doctrine

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR Westminster Abbey clergyman has called on the Church of England to revise its traditional teaching that marriage is for life and to re-examine its opposition to extramarital sex.

Canon Anthony Harvey, who as sub-dean is the second most senior clergyman at the abbey, says that people are being driven from the church and that its credibility will be impaired if it continues to teach that marriage is indissoluble.

Dr Harvey, former lecturer in theology at Oxford, also questions the church's traditional disapproval of sexual relationships outside marriage, saying that many Christian families accept patterns of intimacy that do not involve marriage. His views will surprise traditionalists already angered by the Mothers' Union challenge this week to the nuclear family.

Writing in *Theology*, a bimonthly published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, Dr Harvey says that the teaching that marriage is for life is "the most troublesome article of doctrine" in this area. "In its most obvious sense it is plainly untrue. Marriages are dissolved every day." But because the church continues to insist that marriage can be broken only by the death of one partner, Christians who divorce and remarry have an uneasy relationship with the church.

Dr Harvey says: "They are public sinners, in that they have failed to uphold the church's standard of a single life-long union; they are (technically) unrepentant, in that they refuse to return to their original spouse; and their second marriage is somehow tinged with bigamy by the alleged continued existence of the first."

Dr Harvey says the teaching that young people should "keep themselves" for marriage, and remain chaste if they do not marry, was now respected "by no more than a fraction of the church's members". Prostitution was recognised as evil, promiscuity as mortally dangerous and adultery was usually disdained. "But the church has always gone further than this: it has taught that all sexual relations outside marriage are sinful."

Clergy and church teachers are in a dilemma, he says. If they continue to teach along traditional lines, they know they will not be observed. "They risk either giving a bad

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Operations halted as cash runs out

Three London teaching hospitals have been told to postpone nearly all non-urgent operations until next April. The Middlesex, University College and St Bartholomew's hospitals have been ordered to halt routine treatment for patients from Camden and Islington because they are spending their budgets too quickly.

Non-urgent work is running ahead of the contracted levels and the Camden and Islington Health Authority has asked the hospitals to stop operating. Geoff Martin, director of the London Health Emergency Campaign, said: "Nothing underlines the madness of the market healthcare system better than this financial chaos just six months into the financial year. Health services in the capital need £100 million just to keep ticking over through the winter."

Crash kills RAF pilot

A pilot died and his woman passenger was seriously injured yesterday when their training plane crashed while landing at RAF St Athan near Cardiff. The two-seat RAF Chipmunk, which had taken off from the base minutes earlier, struck a hangar and dived onto the runway. Group Captain Roger Sweatman, 58, from South Wales, was killed instantly. His passenger, an Air Training Corps ground instructor based at Devizes, Wiltshire, was taken to Cardiff Royal Infirmary where she was described as very seriously ill.

NUM demands enquiry

Fresh calls have been made for British Coal to stop using a system of roof bolts after the second collapse of a tunnel in a week. The latest incident was at Ellington colliery in Northumberland, where a section of roadway ceiling 1,600ft below ground caved in. Nobody was hurt. Ian Lavery, 30, NUM branch secretary, said: "The fact is that the bolts supporting the roof failed and there must be an urgent enquiry into their use." The system came under scrutiny last Wednesday after three miners died at Bilsthorpe colliery.

More Sinn Fein claims

More allegations about the leading Sinn Fein activist Martin McGuinness will be made in ITV's the *Cook Report* next week. Mike Townson, editor of the programme, which this week accused Mr McGuinness of orchestrating the IRA's activities in Ulster, said: "We are getting a lot of new material." Mr McGuinness has denied the claims.

10m rely on benefit

Almost 10 million people rely on the £52.46 a week income support benefit, according to the latest figures yesterday. Between May and November last year an extra 400,000 became claimants, mainly because of unemployment. Donald Dewar, Labour social security spokesman, said the claimants were victims of economic mismanagement.

Lib-Dems target crime

David Alton is to head the Liberal Democrat's crime initiative, with Robert Maclennan, the party's home affairs spokesman, after healing his rift with the leadership over abortion policy. Charles Kennedy, party president, launching the agenda for September's conference, said the party would be setting out practical solutions to rising crime.

Heineken recalled

Almost 240,000 bottles of Heineken Export lager in the UK were recalled yesterday after splinters were found in several bottles during a routine check at their brewery in The Netherlands. The relevant batch numbers, found in the bottom left corner of the rear label, are: 3200, 3201, 3211, 3214, 3223, 3224, 3231 and 3232, and should be returned.

Metal eater dies

Harold Peacock, 60, of Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset, who had a compulsion for swallowing metal, died in hospital three weeks after his stomach was emptied of screws, nails, buckles, batteries, seashells, fountain pens and £1.82 in coins. Michael Rose, West Somerset coroner, recorded a verdict of self-inflicted injury as a result of mental illness.



How faulty analysis of cancer tests led to scandal of wrong treatment



Rodney Sneath, who set up the cancer unit in Birmingham in 1971, examines a patient's X-ray, the first stage of a lengthy diagnostic process

Tissue samples provide the clues

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

BONE pathology depends on the skill of the pathologist in making judgments of the appearance of cells and tissue when seen through a microscope.

"It's very difficult and very stressful," one orthopaedic pathologist said yesterday. "You've got a little tiny bit of tissue and if you get the diagnosis wrong you know it means that some patient will be put through painful and unnecessary treatment or won't be treated when they really need it."

The first stage in the process is a conventional X-ray, perhaps followed by more sophisticated magnetic resonance imaging. This will show damage to the bones, but there can be several causes: cancer, an infection, or developmental abnormalities all have to be considered.

To determine which, the surgeon will carry out a biopsy. This might be done by removing small amounts of tissue using a hollow needle, or larger amounts from an exploratory operation. Part of

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the sample is sent to a microbiologist to determine if it contains infectious agents. The rest go to the pathologist, who fixes it in formalin to stop it deteriorating. If the sample is bone, calcium is removed using acids or solvents, and the sample is then dehydrated and embedded in paraffin wax, from which slices a few microns thick can be cut.

The slices are then stained to show up the different parts of the cells, and studied through the microscope. The slices represent a snapshot of the cells, frozen at a moment in time. From experience, the pathologist can often come to a quick decision about the nature of the disease, recognising patterns he has seen before. At other times, a more analytical, step by step approach is applied.

Some cases are more difficult than others. Much depends on the state of the specimen — whether, for example, it has been crushed, altering the shape of the cells, and on how well it has been prepared. "You can easily spend two to three hours on a single case," an expert said.

"Sometimes a second biopsy is needed. The more material you have, the easier the diagnosis, but surgeons understandably want to minimise the extent of the operation, so pathologists usually have to work with very little material."

In Britain there are probably about a dozen pathologists who see bone cancer cases, and no more than three or four who specialise in the field. Apart from two centrally-funded centres — at Birmingham and another at the National Orthopaedic Hospital in Stanmore — there are centres at Newcastle, Leicester, Bristol and Glasgow.

Parents tell of errors by trusted specialists

By Nigel Hawkes and Ronald Faux



Nieka Chetwyn, a victim of misdiagnosis, before and after treatment

THE PATIENTS

PROBLEMS at the Bone Tumour Service in Birmingham first came to light in May, when it was discovered that Matthew Guest, 9, had been misdiagnosed and given chemotherapy to treat a cancer he never had.

In fact, Matthew had a bone infection. As a result of three days' intensive chemotherapy, he lost some of his hair, but doctors believe that he suffered no lasting effects from the unnecessary treatment. A second analysis, often carried out as a double-checking procedure, found that Matthew did not have a malignant tumour, and a new treatment was devised to treat his symptoms.

Subsequently, two further cases came to light. Debbie Leary, 14, was actually suffering from a mild arthritic injury picked up in a sports day fall. But cancer was diagnosed, and doctors spoke of the danger that her legs might have to be amputated. Yesterday Debbie was fit and well and away on holiday, but her father Roy said that although the physical scars of the chemotherapy she received had healed, the mental ones had not.

"If we had not come forward and told what happened in that hospital to Debbie, I fear some sort of cover-up would have gone on. The doctors would have been discreetly asked to leave and would be practising in some other part of the world by now. Debbie is coping well enough but she will never forget what she had to go through. We still do not know what side effects may have been caused or whether she will be able to have children. Chemotherapy can have some long lasting and unpleasant spin-offs.

"Two years ago, doctors you should be able to trust told us she was dying. They told us that they might have to amputate her legs as one of the only ways to save her. Can you imagine how we would feel now if that amputation had gone ahead for what turned out to be no reason at all?"

A third victim of misdiagnosis is eight-year-old Nieka Chetwyn, from Prestwich, Manchester, who has undergone chemotherapy, radiotherapy and surgery.

Nieka was diagnosed as suffering from a rare and dangerous Ewing tumour in her calf after tests were carried out at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital. Doctors now believe that while Nieka does have a tumour in her leg, it is of a different sort.

Her parents Phil and Karen, partners in a Manchester advertising agency, were told on Wednesday night that she was among 20 cases in which "major inaccuracy" had occurred when diagnoses were made. After studying the report into the mix-ups, Mr Chetwyn said: "The important thing for us now is to find out just what the implications of this are for Nieka. If she can avoid any more sessions of chemotherapy, that will be something."

"The consultant at Birmingham said that the treatment for the conditions was virtually the same. But frankly after all that's happened, I'm not sure I trust what they are saying.

"There's one particular drug Nieka has been having which may affect her heart later in life. It's possible other drugs might have made her infertile — we just don't know," Mr Chetwyn said.

Doctors who treated Nieka Chetwyn at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital in Pendlebury said that they had "grave concerns" about the Birmingham tests. Mr Chetwyn said that doctors at the Manchester hospital had been unable to get samples of the biopsy carried out in Birmingham on Nieka.

"We tried to get the samples ourselves but without success. At that point, the doctors in Manchester decided to do a biopsy themselves. They took out 90 per cent of the tumour. They told us that all the tissue taken out showed the cancer cells were dead. We thought that was great news, until we heard that, because the tissue samples were dead, doctors could not tell whether it was Ewing or another condition."

It was discovered that Nieka was in fact suffering from another form of cancer called Rhabdomyosarcoma which is less likely to be serious. Mr Chetwyn said: "Birmingham's actions verge on the almost completely and utterly irresponsible. The whole health authority has a lot to answer for."

The solicitor representing the family of Matthew Guest yesterday spoke of their "intense satisfaction that the matter is now in the open." Tony Hall, 31, who specialises in medical negligence claims for Anthony Collins solicitors, in Birmingham, said: "The family are considering what to do next with regard to possible compensation. But they are pleased that this situation has now come out in public."

Mr Hall said that he had seen Matthew "and he looks fine". He said that if the family chose to take out a compensation claim he would expect it to be "in the order of thousands of pounds". He said he would be discussing the issue with Matthew's family over the weekend.

The Law Society has set up a 24-hour helpline for patients and their families seeking legal advice. Those ringing 071-242 1067 will be put in touch with solicitors able to advise them.

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Doctor who tested bone samples to retire early



Dr Crump: unaware of health problems

By Richard Ducl

THE pathologist at the centre of the cancer testing affair in Birmingham, Dr Carol Starkie, 55, is seeking early retirement. She is suffering from multiple sclerosis and is expected to give up medicine at the end of this month.

She went on sick leave from her work at Selly Oak Hospital on May 25, the day after it was reported that nine-year-old Matthew Guest had wrongly been given chemotherapy.

Last night the reputation of Dr Starkie, who has 30 years of experience in checking bone samples for cancer and would normally have been expected to retire in ten years' time, was in tatters. The interim enquiry laid much of the blame for faulty diagnosis at her door. Dr Starkie said yesterday she very much regretted any unnecessary anxiety and discomfort caused to patients. She is a fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists and is married to Dr Keith Harding, a consultant at Dudley Road Hospital in Birmingham and chairman of West Midlands Consultants' Committee.

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Surgeons who worked with her were aware of her disease but the report says her "dogmatic and sometimes confrontational approach" hindered the running of the bone tumour service at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham.

In their submission to the enquiry two bone cancer surgeons, Rodney Sneath, who set up the service in 1971, and Robert Grimer, said: "The majority of the problem was because of a personality issue and this was attested to by numerous people who were involved with her."

The surgeons were criticised yesterday for not formally telling management earlier of their misgivings. They said: "We have been aware that Dr Starkie suffered from multiple sclerosis for many years.

"This was most obvious because of her difficulty in walking and we had, over the years, seen variations in the way this affected her because of the varying amounts of unsteadiness she had. At no time did we have reason to doubt her eyesight."

The enquiry has not been able to talk to Dr Starkie about what went wrong during her tests. Dr Bernard Crump, South Birmingham Health Authority's director of public health, said yesterday: "The enquiry panel feel they are unable to establish whether the errors are related to Dr Starkie's health problems or not.

"It was known that she had problems of mobility and that was an issue of discussion between her and her colleagues. I did not know of her health problems."

Dr Starkie, thought to be staying in Devon, issued a brief statement yesterday saying: "I hope that the measures now being taken by South Birmingham Health Authority and the Acute Unit will result in the best possible patient care. The bone tumour service does difficult but essential work."

Canon justifies sex outside marriage

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conscience to young people for doing what in their hearts they believe to be right, or else, by their implicit condemnation, discouraging the great majority of 'normal' people from having anything more to do with the church."

Dr Harvey says that without change, there is a serious risk that the teaching and ministers of the church will become alienated from the realities of contemporary life.He says the Old Testament permits divorce, and Christ intended no new law.

Acknowledging that Christ said in the Sermon on the Mount that divorce amounted to adultery, Dr Harvey questions whether this was intended to be an absolute rule.

Last night Dr Harvey, who has been married for 30 years, defended his views, saying: "The traditional teaching on marriage, which is alleged to be based among other things on the Bible, has become remote from the realities of life." He criticised the "lukewarm" response to divorcees who wished to remarry in church.

Police prepare for holiday problems

By Robin Young

POLICE were on alert yesterday to head off any trouble from travellers over the bank holiday weekend.

In the West Country, more than 200 officers from the Devon and Cornwall force were involved in Operation Bedouin, mounting checks on roads into Cornwall to prevent any attempt by New Age travellers to stage an illegal White Goddess Festival on Davidstow Common, near Camelford.

A spokesman said: "We have intelligence to suggest that there are travellers coming this weekend, though we are not aware of any movement at the moment."

Last year the force spent £250,000 mounting a similar operation, codenamed Barnacle, to prevent an illegal festival being held at Davidstow.

This year, moorland farmers have established a network of look-outs to warn of any travellers' approach, and after taking advice from the National Farmers Union have put up signs on the moor warning: "Private land, no camping and no dogs."

In Yorkshire, police were yesterday watching preparations for the Cloud Nine Festival, which is scheduled to start today, and police in Durham are on alert lest travellers attempt to camp in the west of the county between that event and the start of the Silver Moon gathering in Cumbria over the first weekend in September.

New Age travellers apart, police are expecting millions of motorists on the roads over the weekend. The AA is urging drivers to take to B roads to avoid jams and, in some cases, travel faster than on main roads.

The weather is not expected to be encouraging for outings.

A London Weather Centre spokesman said: "Friday will be cloudy. Saturday looks like being warmer, though still cloudy, and by Sunday there will be rain." Temperatures are expected to be 19C to 20C, but cooler on Sunday.

With that in mind, more than a million people are expected to leave Britain in search of summer sun.

Around 700,000 will leave by air, including 250,000 on package holidays. More than 500,000 are expected to cross the Channel by ferry, with many heading for camping and caravan sites in France and Spain.

Abuse allegations leave Jackson's career in tatters

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

■ The young fans whose adoration has made millions for the American superstar can now be expected to desert him

THE *reputation and career of* Michael Jackson, the world's most successful pop star, is in tatters after mounting allegations of child sex abuse.

The singer yesterday postponed the second of his two concerts in Bangkok, pleading ill-health. In a tape-recorded *message, he promised fans he* would perform today. "I am sorry for not performing yesterday, but I am really sick," he said.

The evidence against Jackson, 34, is contained in a *confidential report from the* Los Angeles children's services department, which outlines allegations of sexual molestation made by Jordan Chandler, a 13-year-old boy befriended by the entertainer.

According to the report the friendship between Jordan and Jackson, who is known to prefer the company of children, began last February and quickly took on sexual overtones, escalating to fondling and masturbation.

"*He coercieid [sic] minor* to bathe with him and later, while laying next to each other in bed, Jackson put his hand *on minor's penis over his* shorts saying 'This is going to be great'," the report says. "He then allegedly masturbated the boy."

Last June, when Jackson took Jordan, his mother, June Schwartz, and Jordan's five-year-old step-sister to Monaco for the World Music Awards, Jackson's behaviour "really got out of hand", in Jordan's words, quoted in the report.

The document indicates that Jordan became increasingly frightened by Jackson's advances, but was too scared to *reveal them to another adult.* The singer reportedly threatened that the boy would be sent to "Juvenile Hall" if he told anyone what had happened and "that they'd both be in trouble".

Jackson told the boy he had performed similar acts with other boys but "he didn't go as far with them", the report said. The relationship apparently ended abruptly when the child revealed what had happened.

The investigation has now widened, and five other minors have been questioned by police including the child film actor Macaulay Culkin, who *is known to have been* befriended by Jackson. The 12-year-old actor told police Jackson had never committed any "wrongdoing" in his presence, CBS television reported.

None of the five other boys being investigated as "companion cases" has filed a complaint.



Macaulay Culkin was also befriended

Jackson's 100-acre home "Neverland" home, where he *maintains a zoo and funfair* and regularly entertains children, was raided last weekend and videotapes and photographs were confiscated. His flat in Century City, Los Angeles, was also raided.

According to the department's report, Mrs Schwartz was "aware of minor sleeping *in same bed [as Jackson] and* allowed this to continue". The star may also have exploited the break-up of the marriage between the boy's parents. "Mr Jackson tried to make *him hate his mother and* father so that he would only go to Mr Jackson," the report said, adding that the boy feels his mother "likes the glitzy life too much to give it up".

Mrs Schwartz has indicated, through her lawyer, she was not aware the relationship between her son and Jackson was anything but friendly. She did not file a compaint "because she did not *know if there was any reason* to complain".

The US media has not so far named the 13-year-old boy who filed the initial allegations, and no photographs of him or his family have been published. Jackson's aides and family continue to insist he is the victim of a failed $20 million (£13 million) extortion attempt and that the charges are groundless.

Even if Jackson is cleared of the charges, his reputation is almost certainly sullied beyond repair since a large part of his adoring audience is children.



Armando Picariello, left, and his former boss, Gwen Moore, right, outside the industrial tribunal yesterday

Garage man claims sex harassment

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A PETROL station cashier was sexually harrassed by his boss, who bared her breasts to him in front of a customer, he told an industrial tribunal yesterday.

Armando Picariello, 35, claimed he was touched by Gwen Moore, the manager, and subjected to a barrage of sexual suggestions. The tribunal at Southampton heard that Mrs Moore, who was not married at the time, turned up for work on one occasion wearing a transparent white blouse, a knee-length skirt and "conspicuously heavy" pink lipstick.

Mr Picariello said: "We were working together in the garage behind the counter. She turned and wiggled her body from right to left so that her breasts appeared outside her blouse. She was aware of what she was doing. But she just carried on serving the customer and her breasts were still showing outside the blouse."

He said that on another occasion Mrs Moore crept up behind him and stroked his arm. "She moved imperceptibly towards me and managed to lock my hand with her hand. I reacted immediately by separating my hand from hers." The tribunal heard that Mr Picariello, of Southampton, was dismissed in March for "dereliction of duty". He is claiming sexual discrimination.

Mrs Moore denied the claims of sexual harassment, describing Mr Picariello's evidence as "a whole lot of lies. I did not move around provocatively. I never looked at him in any particular way," she said.

She claimed that during the alleged "breast" incident, she had been wearing her company uniform, a regular cotton blouse and grey skirt.

She also said Mr Picariello was "a stirrer" who did not get on with other staff members and who would explode in fits of temper. He had stormed out of the service station forecourt after a row with another employee and she took that as his resignation.

The hearing was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

Schools decision angers Muslims

BY BEN PRESTON EDUCATION REPORTER

MUSLIMS reacted in fury yesterday when it was revealed that ministers offered a lifeline to a north London primary school previously recommended for closure within *24 hours of refusing state* funding for a neighbouring Islamic school.

Baroness Blatch, the education minister, has allowed Oakington Manor primary, in Brent, to become grant maintained, lifting doubts about the future of a school which needs *up to £3 million for building* repairs in a borough where there are more than 3,500 surplus primary places.

Brent's education committee had rejected officials' closure recommendations. The school, which is popular with parents, subsequently applied for grant-maintained status and received approval last Thursday.

Muslim groups immediately accused Lady Blatch of double standards because the day before she had ended the ten-year fight by Islamia primary to become the first Muslim school to gain voluntary-aided status. Lady Blatch rejected its application, saying the use of public funds could not be justified when there was so much spare capacity in the borough.

Yusef Islam, the former Cat Stevens and founder of Islamia, said: "A golden opportunity to allow the Muslim community to opt into the state school system was rejected. Yet within 24 hours the government is willing to pay up to £3 million for another school to opt out. It does not make economic sense. Can there be any explanation other than malicious prejudice against Muslims?"

The education department said last night it had decided Oakington Manor was a "viable proposition". It was in a totally different situation to Islamia.

A spokeswoman said: "Brent has rejected plans to close Oakington Manor. Had the department received plans to close the school, they would have been considered with its application." The school told *the department it needed less* than £1 million for repairs over the next five years.

Image problems take the fizz out of star's earnings

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

MICHAEL Jackson was once *the biggest one-man band in* the music business. But on Wall Street, analysts say that if he were a public corporation his shares would be plunging today.

His earnings are already down to a quarter of what they were six years ago and he will barely make the top ten next month when the business magazine *Forbes* publishes its list of the world's best paid entertainers.

Since 1988, Jackson has made £150 million ($210 million), largely from record sales bolstered by product endorsements and merchandising. He is the most valuable breathing asset of Sony Corporation, which signed him to a wide-ranging music and film contract last year.

The deal came shortly after PepsiCo dropped him as its *American figurehead because* of criticism of some scenes in *the video accompanying his* *Dangerous* album. His endorsement with PepsiCo is now only in some international markets and much more limited.

A PepsiCo International spokesman said last night: "We had a contract with Mr Jackson for the current tour and some international commercials which runs out at the end of this year. There was *never any consideration that* we would renew the contract. It's a two-year contract and runs to the end of this year and that's it.

"This has nothing to do with the current situation. Given the seriousness of the allegations we want to proceed as responsibly as possible. We are following the situation very closely. Our plans depend on the course of the *investigation." PepsiCo shares* eased a fraction on Wall Street yesterday, while Sony shares were barely changed.

But Eugene Glazer, analyst with Dean Witter Reynolds, said: "Sony must be concerned. It's about image... the image of Michael Jackson and what he is supposed to mean. Depending on how all of this goes, that's at risk. If Michael Jackson was a share price he'd be diving today.

"You are talking about *somebody as an asset — an* income-producing entity. At Pepsi that can be changed, but at Sony: what happens if that asset becomes worth less. The two are different," he said.

Almost before the ink was dry on the Sony contract there were signs that Jackson had peaked. *Dangerous* fell well short of the 40 million sales of *Thriller* and the 22 million of *Bad* and topped the *Billboard charts for just one week.*

Teenager killed in street attack

BY JAMES LANDALE

A TEENAGER died yesterday after being beaten in an apparently unprovoked attack as he walked home from work at a restaurant.

James Shirley, 17, from Dudley, West Midlands, was found lying in a pool of blood in an alley with severe head injuries. He died in hospital.

Police appealed for witnesses to the attack. The motive was unknown. Two men held after the incident were freed on police bail without charge.

James, whose ambition was to be a dancer, was walking home with a friend when they realised they were being followed. They split up and ran off but only the friend escaped.

James's father said: "He was a wonderful boy. He would not hurt a fly. He had just finished a course in the performing arts and had started a job in the restaurant last week." Police are looking for two white male suspects, aged about 17 and 20.

☐ An 89-year-old woman, Alice Boyce, has died after being attacked in June by youths in a street robbery in south London, police said yesterday. A murder enquiry has begun.

Woman 'seduced' cabbie

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE driver of a mini-cab yesterday told a court that a passenger stripped off her evening dress in the back of *his car to reveal she* was wearing no underwear and asked him to have sex with her.

Anthony Williams, 35, was found not guilty at the Old Bailey of raping a 24-year-old secretary he was driving home from a wine bar. He said she *had seduced him.*

Mr Williams, of Hackney, east London, told the jury: "She took off her jacket and pulled down the straps of her dress. She then pulled the dress down to her waist and was naked down to her navel. I could see she didn't have any underwear on."

Mr Williams said they kissed and caressed each other in the back of his Renault car while it was parked. Then the woman asked him to have sex with her.

Mr Williams said he *changed his mind after a few* minutes because he became worried about Aids.

The woman got out, saying she had to go to the toilet, "still with her dress round her waist". She did not return.

The woman claimed that she reluctantly accepted a lift from Mr Williams in the early hours of February 1. But instead of taking her home, the cab driver drove her to a deserted garage and forced her to have sex.

LWT chiefs to reap share fortunes

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

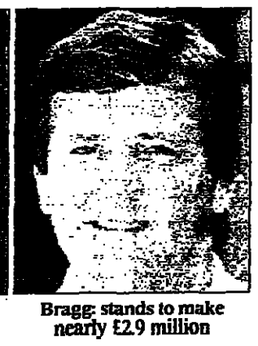
MELVYN Bragg, the author and head of arts programmes at London Weekend Television, stands to make nearly £2.9 million on Tuesday from a controversial management share scheme.

Greg Dyke, the company's chief executive who is best known to viewers as the man who introduced Roland Rat on TV-am, will own shares worth nearly £6.9 million. The biggest gain will go to Sir Christopher Bland, the company's chairman, who stands to make a profit of more than £9 million.

They are among 15 senior executives at LWT who are the first private investors in the history of British network television to become *millionaires as a direct result* of their investment in an ITV company. Nine others hold shares worth more than £900,000.



Bland: biggest gain with about £9 million



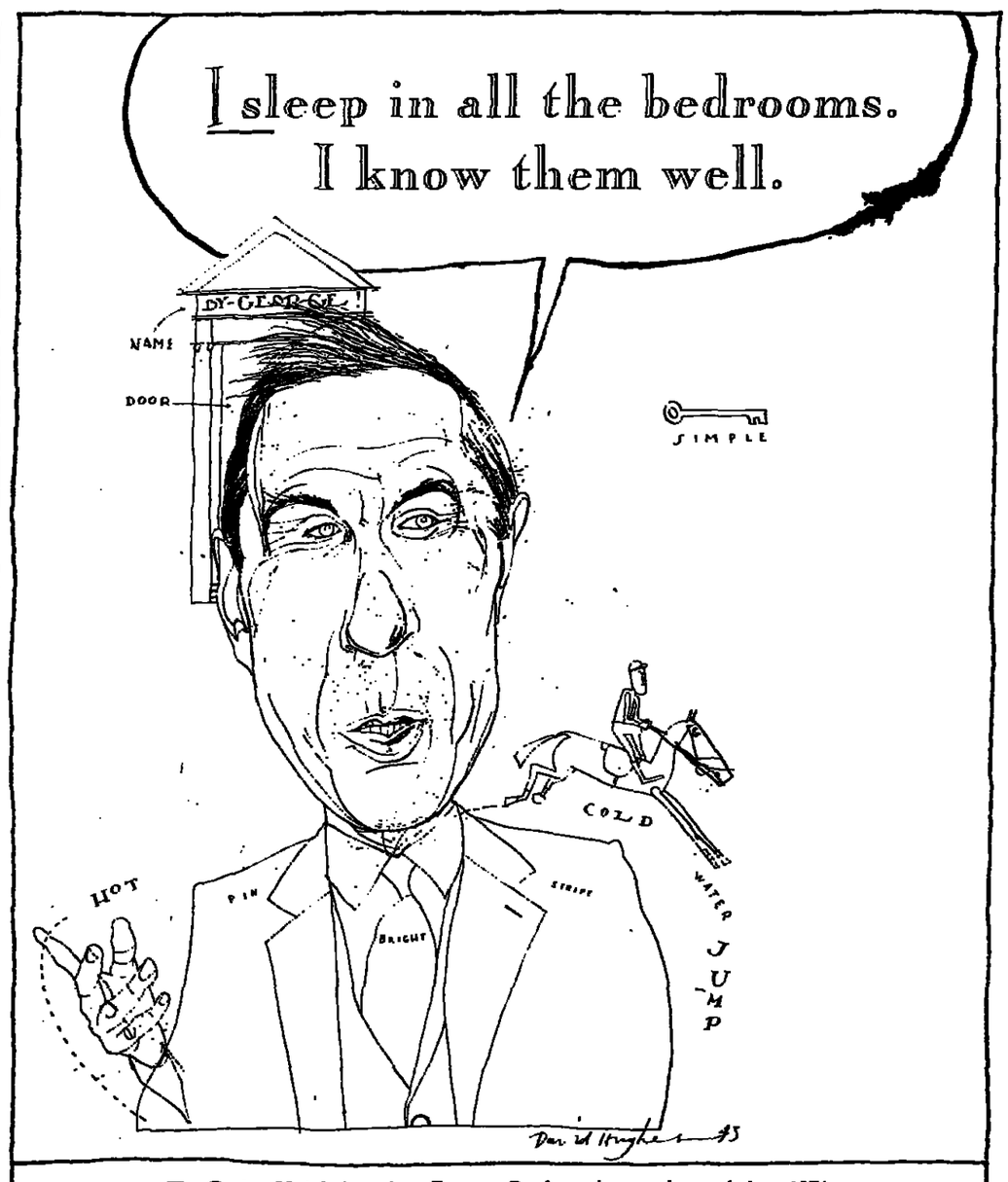
Bragg: stands to make nearly £2.9 million

The management share scheme, linked to share performance, was launched in 1989 by *the company as a* "golden handcuffing" enterprise to ensure that senior executives remained loyal at a time when the television franchises were due for renewal.

Fifty-four managers invested just over £3 million in the company, with shares then valued at 83p each. With LWT now the top ITV performer on the Stock Exchange, the value of those shares is expected to be above 470p on Tuesday, when they will be able to sell their shares.

Bectu, the broadcasting union, said that the management scheme was unfair to staff at the company, who had worked just as hard to make it a success.

Most of the LWT millionaires are expected to hang on to the bulk of their investment. In order to protect the share price they have undertaken to inform LWT's brokers, Cazenove, exactly how many shares they will be selling on Tuesday and have agreed not to sell any more until August 1994.



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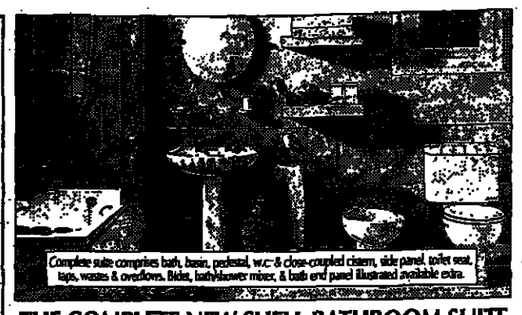
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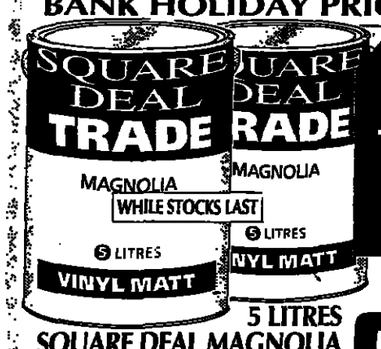
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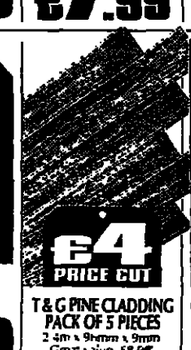
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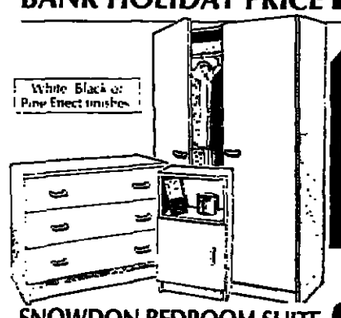
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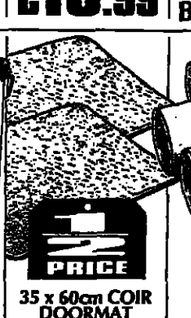
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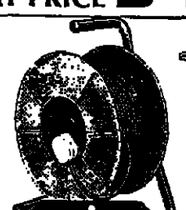
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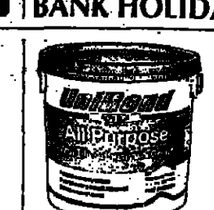
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NSPCC to advise parents on 'home alone' children

By Michael Horsnell

The government says it is impossible to legally define the age at which children are capable of looking after themselves

GUIDELINES on leaving children at home on their own are to be issued by the NSPCC amid increasing anxiety about the lack of statutory regulations.

The initiative has been prompted by a spate of incidents which culminated in the case this week at Dorking, Surrey, in which two mothers of seven children left them behind while they took a holiday.

Yesterday the children, aged 10 months to 14 years, remained in foster homes while police continued enquiries.

The NSPCC, which plans to issue its advice in October, will meanwhile meet ministers and ask them to look afresh at the question of parental negligence under legislation now 50 years old.

There is no minimum legal age at which children may be left unsupervised — although it is often erroneously believed to be 14 — or can accept responsibility for babysitting. The Children and Young Persons Act 1933 merely makes a reference to the fact that a person aged under 16 cannot be charged for an offence of neglect or ill treatment against a child left in his or her care.

There was no clarification in The Children Act 1989, which deals only with formal child minding requirements and the registration of day care facilities.

The government last looked at the question in 1989 and decided there was no benefit in a prescriptive set of regulations as to when a child may be left alone or in charge of siblings.

A spokesman for the health department said: "The reason is it would not be possible to set an age at which all children would be capable or incapable of looking after themselves. A child of 14 may be sufficiently mature but one of 15 not. It's a little like an elephant — difficult to describe but you know it when you see it. Then there are the variables of length of absence. It might not be negligent for a wife to drive to the station to pick up her husband and leave the children at home. But it would be to go away for the weekend."

The NSPCC called for more affordable child care facilities and better support networks for children, but stressed that a statutory age for leaving a child alone was impossible to fix.

Philip Noyes, director of public policy for the NSPCC, said: "It's a very difficult question. But we need to help parents make their own decisions about when it is safe to leave a child depending on his or her competence.

"There is a growing anxiety among normal, responsible parents. When cases hit the headlines, such as they have been doing, people are saying to themselves, 'Goodness, what should we do?' and a measured view is now necessary."

Police in the Dorking case said they and social services were taking "a problem solving approach rather than a prosecution approach".

A spokesman said they needed to know if the arrangements the two mothers made were "adequate and satisfactory" for care of the children. Officers would be speaking to three teenagers asked to care for the children as well as to the women themselves.

The two mothers are not likely to be formally interviewed by police and social workers until next week. A spokesman for Surrey County Council said: "Those involved in the enquiry did not feel it was appropriate to interview the women today. The child protection team from Dorking police are continuing their enquiries into the circumstances surrounding the case and are expecting that to take several days."

He said there were no plans to take the women, who were co-operating fully with the enquiry and getting support from social services, into custody. No formal decision had been taken on whether to grant or deny the women access to their children.



JULIAN HERBERT

A B-17 bomber and two Mustangs fly to the Science Museum airfield at Wroughton, Wiltshire, for a bank holiday display. Below, Caroline Grace, Britain's only qualified woman Spitfire pilot, at a show preview yesterday where she met Diana Barnato-Walker, left, and Joy Lofthouse, who were wartime ferry-pilots

Patten attacked over advice to degree hopefuls

By John O'Leary, Education Correspondent

JOHN Patten was at the centre of a new row over the rationing of university places yesterday after he advised students to consider degree courses at further education colleges.

The education secretary played down reports of well-qualified school-leavers being turned away by universities, saying: "I think the out-turn is going to be nothing like as gloomy as some people have predicted."

Many universities still had places in popular subjects, such as English and geography, Mr Patten added in an interview with BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme. "Besides universities, there are also, out of our 350 excellent further education colleges, 131 offering degree level courses, sometimes with a bit of a vocational twitch to them which I think is a very, very good thing."



Taylor: minister has shown lack of concern

The advice to look for degree places in further education colleges was criticised by opposition politicians and education officials, who said such college courses were controlled by universities and included in the total places the universities had available. Most of those in arts subjects would be affected by the cuts in higher education.

Ann Taylor, Labour's education spokeswoman, said: "Mr Patten's cynical advice demonstrates his ignorance and lack of concern for the anxious misery facing thousands of our most talented, well-qualified young people."

John Bevan, secretary of the Association for Colleges, said: "I don't think Mr Patten has got this quite right. People may look to further education for professional courses if they do not find a degree place, but most college degrees are franchised from universities and will be subject to their controls."

A spokesman for the university vice-chancellors said that further education degrees did not offer a solution to the squeeze on arts places. Disappointed applicants might find a route on to degree courses through some further education diploma courses, but candidates were best advised to persevere with clearing.

Alan Smithers, professor of education at Manchester University, said that colleges should not be encouraged to divert their resources into degree programmes. "Holding universities on a plateau and expanding further education is understandable, but it defeats the purpose if the colleges simply become a sink for potential arts students who could not find places."

Mr Patten defended the decision to cut tuition fees paid by government to universities for arts and social sciences courses to control recruitment in those subjects and boost the numbers studying science. Asked if Britain could afford for well-qualified school-leavers not to be able to enter higher education, he replied: "Can we afford to be a country also which has got too few people going into science?"

The improved GCSE results published yesterday showed there had been a drift away from single subjects such as physics and chemistry towards combined science.

Mr Patten said he was concerned that compared with 1989, when 82,000 had sat maths A level, the figure had dropped to 64,000 this year. Some 47,000 people studied physics A level in 1989, compared with 34,000 this year.

"That is a pretty substantial problem," he said. "It's not purely a political problem, it is a marketing problem, trying to persuade children that science is interesting and rewarding."

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Hunt master denies badger sett charges

By A Staff Reporter

THE master of a leading fox hunt yesterday denied charges of interfering with badger setts in a test case.

Captain Ian Farquhar, 46, master of the Beaufort hunt, which is a favourite with hunting members of the royal family, pleaded not guilty before North Avon magistrates to two charges under the Badger Protection Act 1992, in a prosecution brought by the RSPCA. It is believed to be the first time that a master of a hunt has faced charges which centre on the alleged activities of hunt servants under his authority.

Guy James, for the prosecution, alleged that Captain Farquhar, of Acton Turville, Avon, aided and abetted the illegal stopping-up of entrances to two badger setts at Horton, Avon, on the day before a hunt meet on October 21 last year. Mr James said that the act allowed the stopping-up of setts provided only certain materials were used and the sett was not damaged.

He said that two setts had been dug in and the entrances blocked with materials not specified as legal. Mr James said that Capt Farquhar had told RSPCA inspectors that hunt servants had been given explicit instructions about correct procedures for stopping-up holes.

The case continues today.



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Liberal Democrats maintain strength as Labour's decline continues

Tories' loss of support may have bottomed out

BY PETER RIDDELL

SUPPORT for the Tories has levelled off after declining sharply earlier this year. Labour's rating has slipped back as the Liberal Democrats have consolidated their recent advance.

The latest MORI poll for *The Times*, based on interviews taken last weekend, suggests that after the battering of the past year support for the Tories may have bottomed out.

The Tories' rating is now 28 per cent, up a point over the past month, but the same as in the previous two months. Labour support has dropped two percentage points for the second month running, down to 42 per cent, the lowest level since June last year before John Smith was elected party leader.

The Liberal Democrats' rating is unchanged over the past month at 25 per cent, the highest level for more than six years. There may be something of a seasonal pattern since in seven of the past ten years the Tories have increased their rating in August, usually by more than the one point pick-up this year.

This may reflect the absence of most politicians on holiday in the parliamentary recess, which means government policies are disputed less than when the Commons is sitting and there are fewer reports of Tory splits. Nonetheless, the figures for the past four months suggest the previous sharp decline in Tory support may have finished.

In the past month the party has managed a partial recovery from its previously very weak position in southern England (including London), up from 31 to 36 per cent. The party's rating has also improved among 35- to 54-year-olds and among the middle classes.

John Major's personal rating has picked up slightly from its previous record low for any party leader. This month 21 per cent of the public are satisfied with the way he is doing his job as prime minister, up from 19 per cent in the previous two months. However, his overall rating remains heavily negative since 70 per cent are still dissatisfied with his record. This figure is down from 73 per cent in the previous two months.

Only a half of Tory supporters are satisifed with Mr Major's performance, with just over two fifths dissatisfied. This discontent may surface at the Tory party conference in early October and increase the leadership's difficulties. There has also been no change in the public's attitudes towards the government, with only 12 per cent satisfied and 80 per cent dissatisfied. This is the same as at the end of July. The latest poll figures are little comfort for Labour, even though it retains a large lead over the Tories. Labour has failed to capitalise on the government's troubles of recent months, with its rating dropping from a peak of 47 per cent in March. This compares with near, and above, 50 per cent when the Tories were in serious trouble in 1990.

Mr Smith's personal rating remains negative, with 39 per cent of the public dissatisfied with the way he is doing his job as Labour leader and 35 per cent satisified. This is similar to recent months. By a margin of two to one, Labour supporters are satisfied with Mr Smith's record.

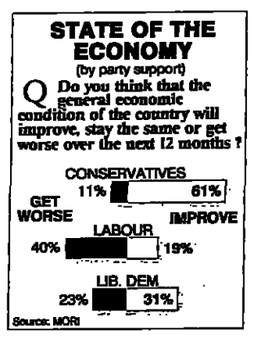
Paddy Ashdown has the most positive rating. Half the public are satisfied with the way he is doing his job as party leader, with 25 per cent dissatisfied.

□ *MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,827 adults at 143 constituency sampling points across Britain. Interviews were conducted face-to-face on August 19 to 23. Data was weighted to match the profile of the population. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (9 per cent), are undecided (6 per cent) or refuse to name a party (2 per cent).*

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STATE OF THE ECONOMY
(by party support)

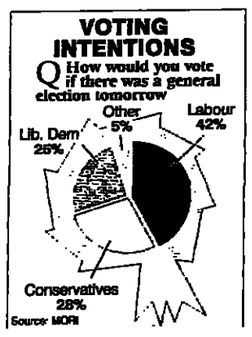
Q Do you think that the general economic condition of the country will improve, stay the same or get worse over the next 12 months?



Source: MORI

VOTING INTENTIONS

Q How would you vote if there was a general election tomorrow



Source: MORI



BOB COLLIER

Only 35 per cent of voters rate Labour's John Smith

Industry moves to halt 'pirate video mastermind'

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK

A MAN accused of masterminding what could be Britain's biggest video and cassette bootlegging operation faces contempt proceedings after allegedly breaching two injunctions barring him from making and distributing unauthorised recordings.

Proceedings were yesterday brought by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI) against Stephen Charlesworth, 22, of Denbigh, North Wales, who was given 21 days by Mr Justice Lindsay to present his own evidence to the High Court.

The civil action follows a year-long investigation by the BPI's anti-piracy unit and comes as the North Wales Trading Standards Office prepares criminal charges against Mr Charlesworth, who is alleged to have violated the Trade Descriptions Act 1968, the Trademarks Act 1938 and the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988.

Thousands of pop fans throughout Britain have been caught by an elaborate mail-order fraud involving counterfeit video and cassette recordings of more than 20 concerts given this year by artists such as Bruce Springsteen, Take That and Peter Gabriel.

The bootleggers have been handing out poorly photocopied leaflets outside concert venues throughout Britain offering "strictly limited edition" and "live and exclusive" videos for £15 to £22 and tapes for £6 to £8. Fans have handed over cash and cheques on the spot after being promised the tapes will be sent to them within seven days.

The leaflets, seen by *The Times*, promise a "full money back guarantee if not delighted", but in most cases neither the illegally copied tape nor the refund ever materialise.

Record companies and band managers have warned fans to steer clear of the mail-order offers. But legal action has so far failed to deter the bootleggers.

Tim Dabin, head of the BPI's anti-piracy unit, said: "The British record industry faces a constant battle against those who steal the property of others, leach money from a legitimate tax-paying industry and undermine this industry's ability to invest in young British people and their musical talent."

The BPI estimates that pop stars and record companies lose at least £20 million each year in Britain alone from bootleg and counterfeit recordings.

Voters less worried about joblessness

BY PETER RIDDELL

PUBLIC concern over unemployment has declined to its lowest level for nearly a year, although voters remain only cautiously optimistic about the economic outlook for the next 12 months.

The latest MORI poll for *The Times* suggests that the end of the recession and the beginning of economic recovery have so far had a limited impact on public attitudes.

The index measuring expectations about the state of the economy is again positive this month, but there is no clear trend. A net balance of plus five believe the general economic condition of the country will improve over the next 12 months rather than get worse. This compares with plus seven at the end of July and a negative rating the previous month. Since the end of the winter, the index has fluctuated either side of balance.

The figures point to a degree of uncertainty and an absence of conviction about the strength of recovery.

A detailed breakdown shows that Tory supporters remain more optimistic than backers of the opposition parties. More than three-fifths of Tories believe the economy will improve over the next 12 months, while less than a third of Liberal Democrats and a fifth of Labour supporters hold the same view.

The regular question which asks voters about the most important issues facing Britain shows a reduced concern about unemployment and the state of the economy, compared with the autumn to spring period. Unemployment still comes top of the list, mentioned by 63 per cent, but that is down from a peak of 81 per cent six months ago.

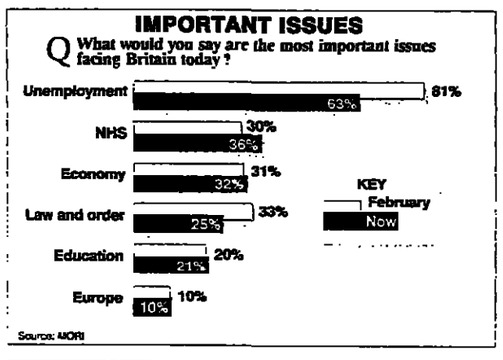
References to the economy being among the most important issues have dropped during the spring and summer. It is now mentioned by less than a third of those questioned, compared with around a half last autumn.

Among other issues mentioned frequently are the health service and education, both up slightly over the past month.

References to Europe as being among the most important issues facing Britain today have dropped from 19 to 10 per cent over the past month. This probably reflects the impact of the end of the Commons battles over the Maastricht bill at the end of July and the disappearance of the issue from the headlines in the last few weeks.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

Q What would you say are the most important issues facing Britain today?



Source: MORI

No-win, no-fee deal in case against BA

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

A MIDLANDS couple who are suing British Airways for compensation after being stranded in Kuwait during the Iraqi invasion are pursuing their case with Scottish lawyers on a "no-win no-fee" basis.

John Chappell and his wife Maureen were unable to gain legal aid in England for their case, which alleges BA was negligent in flying them into a war zone in August 1990, and in breach of contract to fly them to their destination.

Quantum Claims Compensation Specialists of Aberdeen are acting for Mr and Mrs Chappell on a no-win no-fee basis. Mr Chappell, of Stafford, said an English firm had asked for £5,000 per head, which he was unable to meet. Mr Chappell's two teenage children lodged similar claims last year and have been granted legal aid. Their cases are being handled by the Manchester legal firm Pannone Napier.

Mr Chappell claims he and his wife and two children were unaware that they were entering a war zone when the aircraft landed to refuel at Kuwait airport. They were detained as part of President Saddam Hussein's "human shield".

Mrs Chappell and the children were held for a month by Iraqi authorities, but it was four and a half months before Mr Chappell was released.

In writs issued in the High Court this week, Mr and Mrs Chappell allege negligence and breach of contract against BA and claim passengers were exposed to risk, distress and unlawful detention. They are both claiming compensation of £50,000.

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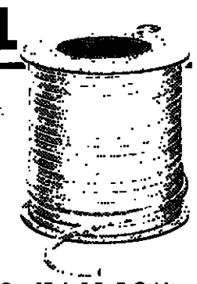
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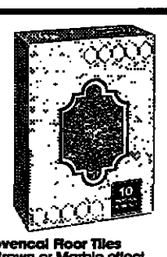
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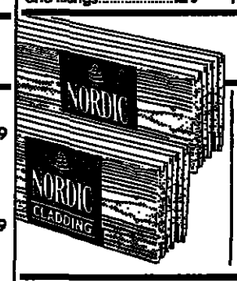
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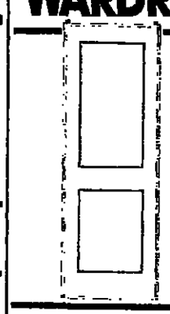
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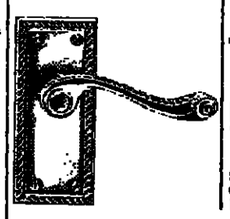
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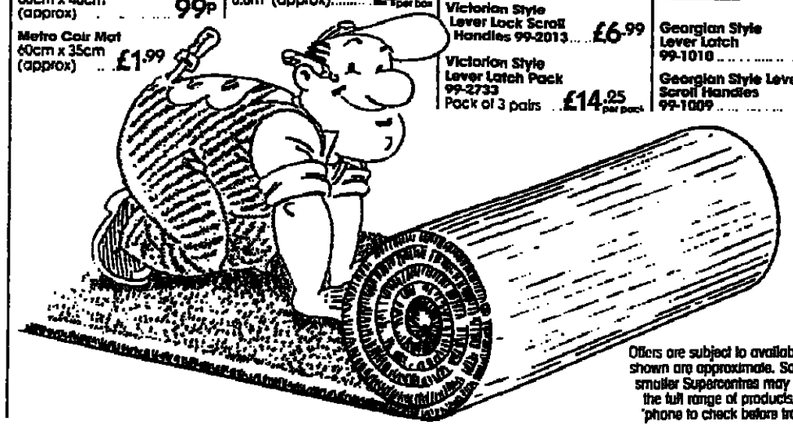
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Consumers warned of burn danger in oven cleaner sprays

By Paul Wilkinson

■ Everyday household tasks such as ironing or cleaning hold hidden dangers which can bring death or serious injury

AT LEAST nine people have been badly burned by a top-selling oven cleaner, trading standard officers have warned. Two women needed plastic surgery and have been told they will be scarred for life after using the Mr Muscle aerosol spray.

Gordon Gresty, senior trading standard officer in North Yorkshire, said yesterday that further investigations were being made and the manufacturers, S.C. Johnson of Camberley, Surrey, a division of Johnson Wax, could face prosecution. In the meantime he wanted to warn users to take "extreme" care.

"The people who have been affected were wearing rubber gloves and had long sleeves, yet their arms were still burned," he said.

"The product contains caustic soda and an organic degreaser which increases its potency. The problem seems to be that it is an aerosol, which means droplets can get where they should not."

The spray is part of a range of cleaners marketed under the Mr Muscle brand, and 20 million cans have been sold since it was introduced in 1986. Last year, five million cans were bought.

Trading standards officers have reports of nine people being burned, some as long ago as 1989. Mr Gresty believed the company was aware of all the cases.

Anne Cockburn, 38, an auxiliary nurse from Harrogate, North Yorkshire, has undergone daily hospital treatment since March for burns to her forearm which left half-inch wide holes in her flesh, up to three-quarters of an inch deep.

"I used it as normal, following the instructions" she said. "It was not until about 20 minutes later that I felt a stinging sensation on my arm and I noticed it was going red. I ran it under water as the instructions say, but it continued to burn and started to blister. I went to casualty and have been receiving treatment ever since.

"I am very angry, because it was an everyday simple job, just cleaning my oven, and now I am permanently scarred."

She and another Harrogate victim, Anne Lancaster, 38, are taking legal advice and may sue the manufacturers. Mrs Lancaster also reported a burning sensation shortly after using the cleaner last week. She was sent to a specialist burns unit, where she was told she would need skin grafts.

"I was very frightened," she said. "My arm swelled up and turned a horrible yellowy-green."

Iwan Williams, a director of SC Johnson, said the company was "concerned" about the incidents but did not have full details and could not therefore make a complete response. It would be carrying out its own investigation.

Mr Williams said latest government statistics showed that out of 139,804 accidents in the home only 30 involved oven cleaners, of which Mr Muscle had caused nine.

☐ The British Safety Council is to press for legislation to make domestic irons safer.

The move follows the death of Bridget Harding Jones, a mother of four who was electrocuted while ironing in her home at Romsey, Hampshire, earlier this month. The council said modern technology could make irons completely safe, but in the meantime they should be used with a circuit breaker.

Barrow is set for straight and narrow

By Nicholas Watt

MOLLY Malone and her wheelbarrow may be immortalised in Irish folklore, but a Dublin judge has decided that her successors have no place in today's Ireland.

An 81-year-old woman who has sold fruits and sweets from a barrow under the portico of Dublin's Heuston Station for 68 years has been ordered to stop trading or face a spell in prison.

Hanna Moran, who first pushed her barrow through Dublin's streets, broad and narrow, after she left school at the age of 12, went into the witness box and told the judge: "I promise you I won't do it again."

Mindful of Dublin's history of wheelbarrow vendors, Judge Flood said that Mrs Moran deserved consideration — but he accepted he needed to "have a little talk with her". Turning to the diminutive Mrs Moran, who has ignored court orders for the past 12 years to stop trading, the judge said: "If you continue to do it any longer either I or some other judge will have to put you in prison. After 68 years of freedom on the streets you will be unhappy there.

"Will you give me an undertaking that you won't go near Heuston Station to trade again? You may travel free on the rail system for as long and as often as you like, but you cannot sell fruit and chocolates there."



Hanna Moran with her barrow, a converted pram, after yesterday's hearing

A sombre-looking Mrs Moran explained her reasons for defying the court orders. "It was the loneliness sir," she said. "I couldn't stick the loneliness after all those years. Now I'm prepared to give it up and you won't see me in this court again."

The judge, who said that Mrs Moran's charm had spared her a prison sentence in the past, dismissed the proceedings against her and told counsel for CIE, Ireland's rail company which had brought the case: "Don't even suggest to me that you will be looking for costs."

Afterwards Mrs Moran said it was a sad day for her, but she thought the judge had been a gentleman.

NEWS IN BRIEF

'Samaritan' started fire

A woman acted the good Samaritan after she had set fire to an 81-year-old neighbour's house, a court was told.

Heather Moss pushed a flaming newspaper through the letter box of Kathleen Buck's house in Hornsey, north London, then rushed back to comfort the widow when the fire brigade arrived and insisted on clearing up.

Moss, 31, was found guilty of arson at the Old Bailey, but was cleared of arson with intent to endanger life.

Boy found

Jerry Connors, 2, who was abducted from the home of his grandparents, his legal guardians, in Hythe, Hampshire, two weeks ago, was found at a travellers' site in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, where police arrested his parents.

Court escape

Simon Barnes, 17, from Doncaster, South Yorkshire, escaped from Group 4 security after being remanded in custody by magistrates in the town. He jumped from the dock and fled into the town centre.

Flower threat

Planning permission has been given for a chicken farm at Badgeworth, Gloucestershire, despite fears that it may destroy the only known habitat of Britain's rarest buttercup, the *Ranunculus ophioglossifolius* or Adder's Tongue Spearwort.

Bees' need

Six travel-weary bees which had been posted to London in a box were rescued from almost certain death by a mail sorter in Middlesbrough, Cleveland, who fed them honey from his tea.

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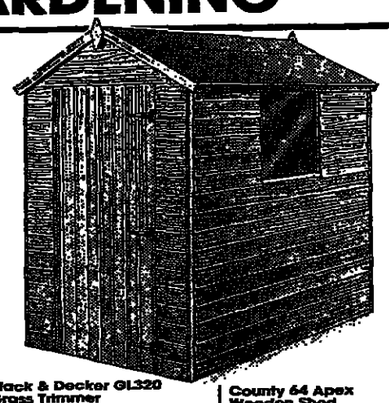
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Store card charges 'unfair'

By Arthur Leathley

RETAIL chains threaten the pace of economic recovery by charging excessive interest rates on their store cards, according to a Labour party survey.

Robin Cook, Labour's shadow trade and industry secretary, called on the director of fair trading to review the "unfair" interest rates charged on in-house credit cards which have failed to fall in line with reduced bank base rates. The Labour survey names Habitat as the worst offender in not matching reductions in base rates, which have dropped from 15 per cent in 1990 to 6per cent. Habitat has reduced rates by 2.3 per cent and charge one of the highest annual percentage rates (APR) at 30.6 per cent.

The most expensive card is operated by Dixons, which charges 34.4 per cent APR for customers who pay without a direct debit, having reduced rates by 7 per cent since 1990, says the survey.

Elizabeth Stanton, of the Retail Credit Group, denied store cards were making excessive charges. "The average amount currently owed on a store card is £163, so we can hardly be ripping off customers for such small amounts."

Operation may help save voices

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

A NEW technique to preserve the speech of throat cancer victims will be explained to surgeons from around the world at a conference in Edinburgh today.

The traditional approach taken by most British surgeons to advanced throat cancer is to remove the larynx. Afterwards, some patients can acquire speech by swallowing air and then "burping" it out.

Many, however, require artificial devices to allow them to speak again. Often these produce such an unnatural voice pattern that they are unacceptable to patients.

The new technique has been developed by Dr Waryam Singh, a consultant at St John's hospital, Livingston, in Lothian. He has developed an operation which preserves part of the function of the larynx producing good, intelligible speech.

Dr Singh, who has demonstrated his technique in hospitals in this country and abroad, believes it will become the standard operation for throat cancer patients. About 2,000 people develop throat cancer in Britain every year and 300 laryngectomies are performed.



THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Michael Adams' *surprise defeat*

IN the fifth round of the Lloyds Bank Masters tournament at London's Cumberland Hotel, the pre-tournament favourite, Grandmaster Michael Adams of Truro, has suffered a second sensational defeat. In an earlier round Adams had lost to Gary Lane on the black side of one of Nigel Short's favourite openings, the Worrall variation of the Ruy Lopez (see *The Times*, Tuesday, August 24).

In round five, seemingly learning from his errors, Adams switched sides and chose the Worrall variation himself against international master Peter Wells. The Worrall is characterised by White's queen move on his sixth turn to the e2-square.

Play followed one of Nigel Short's famous victories against Anatoly Karpov. Then, on move 13, Wells introduced an improvement on Karpov's disastrous play in an earlier game. The crunch came on move 17, a violent advance of a black pawn, over which Wells consumed no less than 40 minutes.

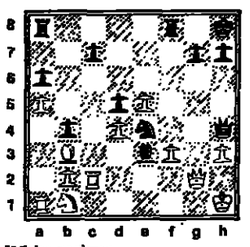
Thereafter events developed swiftly. While Adams' rook mopped up black units on the c-file Wells' army swung into action against the white king. Black's pieces flooded into the white camp and with the triumphant arrival of the black queen on the 23rd move, Adams was forced to capitulate. After five rounds Adams trails the leaders with just three points. Paul van der Sterren of The Netherlands has five.

White: Michael Adams
Black: Peter Wells
Lloyds Bank Masters, London 1993

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Qe2	b5
7	Bb3	0-0
8	c3	d6
9	d4	Bg4
10	Rd1	exd4
11	cxd4	d5
12	e5	Ne4
13	a4	b4
14	a5	Kh8
15	h3	Bh5
16	Be3	f5
17	Rc1	f4
18	Rxc6	bxe3
19	bxe3	Bxd3
20	qxd3	Bh4
21	Qg2	Bf2+
22	Kh1	Bxe3
23	Rc2	Qh4
17	Kf2	Rxc1
18	Qxc1	Nc5
19	Qb1	Qa6
20	hxg6	hxg6
21	e5	Rd8
22	a4	Na5
23	Qa4	Rc8
24	Bh6	Bh8
25	Bg5	Qe6
26	Qh4	

Black resigns
If 26 ... Bg7 27 Qh7+ Kf8 28 Bh6 Bxh6 29 Qh8 mate.



White resigns

Past Masters

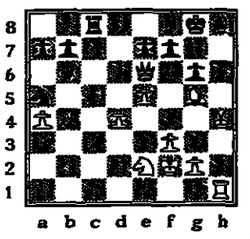
The Lloyds Bank tournament has been London's premier open event since its inception in 1977. Two years ago the winner was the dynamic young Latvian Alexei Shirov and this was his best game.

White: Alexei Shirov
Black: Thomas Ernst
Lloyds Bank Masters 1991

Grunfeld Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nc3	d5
4	cxd5	Nxd5
5	e4	Nxc3
6	bxc3	Bg7
7	Bc4	c5
8	Ne2	Nc6
9	Be3	0-0
10	Rc1	cxd4
11	cxd4	Qa5+
12	Kf1	Bd7
13	h4	Rfc8
14	h5	Nd8
15	f3	Bb5
16	Bxb5	Qxb5

Diagram of final position



Problems, problems...

Over-the-board players may be less familiar with another aspect of chess: problems and studies. John Rice, British Solving Team Captain, has written to me saying: "The British Chess Solving Championship, sponsored by East-West Consultants, is organised by the BCPS; each year this event attracts a large number of entries from *Times* readers who correctly solve the starter problem. The 1992-93 Solving Championship was won by Jonathan Mestel, and he, along with David Friedgood (who came second) and Graham Lee, will represent Great Britain in this year's World Solving Championship."

The British Chess Problem Society provides, via its monthly magazine *The Problemist*, opportunities for composers to publish their puzzles. For further information about the BCPS and a complimentary copy of *The Problemist*, write to the Hon. Treasurer, Ivor Sanders, 123 Cockerell Close, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 1XR.

World Championship

For tickets to the Kasparov - Short World Chess Championship match at London's Savoy theatre in September and October ring the First Call hotline on 071-497 9977. Tickets start at £20.

Chess for Charity

On Sunday, September 5 there will be a day of chess for charity at Simpsons-in-the-Strand, London, where *Times* readers can meet and challenge grandmasters. Ring 071-836 9112 or simply turn up.

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WEEKEND SHOPPING

Fish supplies hold up despite poor weather

By Adam Williamson

RECENT poor weather has not affected fish supplies for the bank holiday weekend. The best buy is plaice, full of flavour at the moment and £2.30 a lb at Harrods.

Cod fillets are also excellent value, on offer at £1.98 a lb at Tesco and Waitrose.

Pork is plentiful and cheap, with loin steaks reduced to £2.19 at Asda and £2.08 at Tesco. Anyone planning a bank holiday barbecue might consider the range of exotic sausages at Harrods' charcuterie department. Green pepper sausages are £8.45 a lb, while herb flavoured German sausages are £4.50 a lb.

On the fruit and vegetable counter, corn on the cob is good value at 25p each at Sainsbury and 29p each at Waitrose. English cauliflowers are at their best and are 49p a lb at Co-op shops. New Zealand kiwi fruits are only 12p each at Waitrose, celery 29p a head at Gateway.

This week's advertised best buys:

Asda: turkey breast joints, £1.89 a lb; basted chicken, 86p a lb; pork loin steaks, £2.19 a lb; cucumbers, 34p each.

Co-op: chicken thighs, £2.49 for 2lb 6oz; pork sausages, £1.09 a lb; cauliflowers, 49p.

Gateway: spare rib chops, £1.39 a lb; lamb loin chops, £2.48 a lb; celery, 29p a head; large pineapples, 79p.

Harrods: prime plaice £2.30 a lb; rainbow trout, £1.75 a lb; Spanish figs, £3.50 a lb.

Iceland: minced steak, £2.99 for 2lb 12oz; breaded haddock steaks, £1.99 for six; cod fillets, £2.49 for 680g; A-grade chicken, £4.49 for 6lb.

Marks & Spencer: topside joint, £3.19 a lb; smoked gammon joint, £2.59 a lb; plums, 59p a lb.

Safeway: Scottish smoked salmon, £4.49 for 200g; pork and beef sausages, 69p a lb; rindless back bacon, £1.68 a lb; grapefruits, 29p each.

Sainsbury: whole salmon, £1.98 a lb; pork leg, 89p a lb; tomatoes, 34p a lb, sweetcorn, 25p each.

Tesco: pork loin steaks, £2.08 a lb; cod fillets, £1.98 a lb; tomatoes, 39p a lb; runner beans, 59p a lb.

Waitrose: cod fillets, £3.99 for 2lb; smoked haddock cutlets, £2.25 a lb; New Zealand kiwi fruits, 12p each.

THE FIRST CHESS MACHINES

THE first chess automaton was built in 1769. Known as "the Turk", it was designed by the Hungarian inventor, Wolfgang von Kempelen, to entertain the Empress Maria Theresa. The empress and her court saw a figure in Turkish costume, slightly larger than life, seated at a wooden cabinet.

Among the Turk's visitors on his American tour was Edgar Allan Poe, who in 1836 speculated, for the most part correctly, on how the machine worked. (If you have not already guessed, it had a man inside). The Turk was finally retired to the Chinese Museum in Philadelphia where it perished in a fire in 1854.

The first genuine chess-playing robot appeared in 1890, invented by a Spaniard, Leonardo Torres y Quevedo. It consisted of a series of pulleys, weights and wires, which caused moves to be made according to a simple algorithm. It was first demonstrated at the Sorbonne in 1915 and can be found at the Polytechnic Museum in Madrid.

☐ Extracted from *The Even More Complete Chess Addict*, by Mike Fox and Richard James (Faber & Faber: £10.99)

Slain American symbolises South Africa's bitter tragedy

*The savage killing of an American student shows race hatred at its worst in the angry and alienated townships, writes **R. W. Johnson** in Durban*

THE murder of Amy Biehl, an American student, by a gang of township youths in Guguletu, Cape Town, has conjured up a series of stereotypical images.

Not least, there is the figure of the well-meaning American visitor to South Africa, convinced (wrongly) that the situation here is no more than a replay of the American civil rights struggle. Virtually without exception such American visitors embrace the African National Congress as "the good guys", often without understanding the dense South African political context with its nuances and shades of grey. Any denizen of Cape Town, black or white, would have told Ms Biehl, 26, that she was taking her life in her hands by driving at dusk into a Cape township or squatter camp — and the fact that she was an ANC supporter would cut no ice. The civil rights struggle was not like this.

There is simply no doubting that these settlements are dangerous places. Just how dangerous I discovered myself two years ago when a black taxi in front of me in a traffic queue in one of the squatter camps was petrol-bombed. I just got away before the petrol tank exploded. Similarly tourist buses near Durban visit squatter camps in which gunfire can be heard on a daily basis.

Allan Boesak, the Western Cape ANC leader, has claimed that Ms Biehl's attackers were conveniently wearing T-shirts identifying them as members of the rival Pan African Congress. Even more conveniently the assailants were, again according to Dr Boesak, chanting PAC slogans as they knifed and bludgeoned Ms Biehl, a Fulbright exchange scholar, to death.

Although Dr Boesak arrived on the scene long after the attack, he seems to be the only person with such precise knowledge of the assailants' political affiliations. Only a month ago, after the St James's church massacre, Dr Boesak, again without the benefit of having been present, claimed that several of those committing the atrocity had been whites, an assertion contradicted by witnesses. The only common thread is Dr Boesak's apparent determination to deflect blame for such events on to his political opponents.

To get bogged down in a dispute as to the political affiliation of Ms Biehl's murderers is, in any case, to miss the point. The Cape squatter camps and townships are home to the most alienated, angry and bitter section of South Africa's entire black population. Opinion polls here show that support for Azanian People's Liberation Army massacres of whites is, at 20 per cent, double the national average. Similarly, it is no accident that the likes of Winnie Mandela and Peter Mokaba trek down to these camps from Johannesburg when they want to be sure of a rousing reception for their most outrageously militant remarks. The ordinary Cape Town resident knows only that the road to the airport, flanked by vast squatter settlements on either side, is chronically unsafe.

The stoning and shooting at "white" cars by squatter residents has reached such proportions that soldiers with automatic weapons and armoured vehicles are stationed every few hundred yards along the road and on all the bridges over it.

Anti-white feeling thrives naturally in the squatter camps. The degradation of the unfortunate Xhosa population who have migrated there from the Transkei is incapable of exaggeration. Unemployment is massive, there is no sewage, electricity or other services and at this time of year the Cape Flats are not only cold and windy but waterlogged to boot. Political organisation of any kind in such circumstances is next to impossible. There are small nuclei of ANC or PAC activists and a large mass of young people who are, so to speak, alienated but floating voters.

It is impossible at this point to know whether Ms Biehl fell foul of an ANC, PAC or an unaffiliated street gang. If anything the odds are that the attackers were ANC, for the ANC youth here have recently launched violent action in support of the strike by ANC-aligned teachers. As part of that action the ANC youth has launched Operation Barcelona, which calls for the stoning of "enemy vehicles".

None of which will matter much to Ms Biehl's family and friends. Ms Biehl doubtless came to South Africa full of high motives. She has ended by becoming part of this country's unfolding tragedy. She will not be the last.

☐ Two blacks youths, aged 17 and 18, were arrested by police yesterday in connection with her killing and will appear in court on Monday.



Ms Biehl, left, who paid with her life after being caught up in the politics of South Africa, and Winnie Mandela, who drew cheers for her militant remarks during visits to the angry and alienated townships

THE DEATH of Amy Biehl has brought home to many Americans, for perhaps the first time, the ferocity of the battle being waged among South African blacks (Ben Macintyre writes from New York).

Miss Biehl's assailants apparently believed she was a "settler", the name for the Dutch colonists who went to South Africa in 1652. She was nothing of the sort, but a young, concerned American dedicated to helping poor black South Africans.

"Mom, I'm OK. I'm doing this because I want to do this. You can't live your life in a shell," Miss Biehl told her mother in Newport Beach, California. A graduate of Stanford University, California, she had completed ten months' research at the predominantly black University of the Western Cape and planned to begin a doctorate at Rutgers University this autumn.

She had been helping educate blacks about voting systems before the non-racial elections on April 27. "She was one of the livliest, most intelligent and most committed young people I knew," said Kader Asmal, her teacher.

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Babangida resigns but unions defy interim ruler

■ Strikes by Nigerian workers, anxious to see the winner of democratic elections installed as president, threaten to bring the transitional government to its knees

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

A NIGERIAN industrialist, Ernest Shonekan, was sworn in as president and head of a widely opposed interim government yesterday after General Ibrahim Babangida resigned both from the army and the presidency. But strike plans by Nigeria's oil workers threaten to bring the interim government to its knees within weeks.

"I leave office after eight years of momentous period of our national history," General Babangida said in a speech. "I believe the time has come for me, my service chiefs, deputy chief of defence staff and inspector general of police to give way to a new leadership to propel our march towards lasting civilian democractic governance at all levels of our country." He urged Nigerians to give the interim government a chance to finish the transition to civilian rule.

The new government will not include Chief Moshood Abiola, the undeclared winner of the June presidential election annulled by General Babangida. In Britain, where he has been seeking support for his claim to the presidency, Chief Abiola said he would continue to fight for the results to be recognised.

The 50,000-member national union of petroleum and natural gas workers plans to call a strike tomorrow to force the new government to hand power to the senate. Elijah Okougbro, a spokesman, said the union was not demanding that Chief Abiola be sworn in immediately as president, but he expected the senate would call on him soon.

The strike would strangle the country's weak economy. Nigeria pumps two million barrels of oil a day, which earns 80 per cent of the national income. Already petrol prices have been raised 900 per cent at the pumps, which will have an immediate effect on the 100 per cent inflation rate.

The Nigerian labour congress has issued the same ultimatum. Together with the oil union, they could call out four million strikers. This would add to the work "stay-away" organised by the Campaign for Democracy which has paralysed southern cities for much of the last fortnight. The pro-democracy protests, called to force the military government to hand over power to Chief Abiola, brought Lagos to a virtual standstill yesterday before General Babangida handed over power. Most banks, shops and factories remained shut, traffic was light and there was little public transport in Nigeria's biggest city.



Babangida: made way for industrialist

Commonwealth displays caution

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A NOTE of caution was sent yesterday to the new administration in Nigeria by Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth secretary-general, who warned of the dangers of ignoring the democratic election process.

In a statement Chief Anyaoku said: "As a Nigerian who cares deeply for my country and as the custodian of Commonwealth principles, I would urge the interim government and all the acknowledged leadership that they should weigh very carefully — for the sake of present and future Nigerians — the full implications of permanently setting aside an election that was not only judged by international observers to be free and fair, but also showed that Nigerians could truly vote across the traditional divide of tribe and religion."

The secretary-general said that the tension in the country engendered by the annulment of the election due on June 12 had been accentuated by the internal movement of peoples who fear this could result in bloodshed. It was vital to restore Nigeria's standing in the world.

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Supportive words from Kohl fail to comfort French

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

■ Bonn's solidarity with Paris convinced few. Edouard Balladur's approach was blunter: France will not surrender its status as an agro-industrial power

FRANCE and Germany yesterday tried to patch up the quarrel that has been seriously unsettling the European Community. Although Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, found some carefully supportive words for Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, the differences between the two neighbours seem as great as ever.

Bonn's main concession was to suggest that it shared some of France's misgivings about the Blair House agreement which provides, among other things, for a 17 million-tonne reduction in European grain exports over the next seven years. "Blair House has some problems for us, too," said Herr Kohl, hitherto a passionate proponent of free trade. "I agree with my French colleague that it is in everybody's interests to settle an accord. We have problems with the agricultural part, and the Germans are not the only ones."

M Balladur chuckled at this understatement. France's position was as usual bluntly stated: it had no intention of surrendering its status as a major agro-industrial power by restraining its farm exports. "Blair House is not acceptable to us," said the French prime minister. "Europe must find the instruments to represent our interests."

M Balladur said he would send proposed changes in the agreement to Bonn on Monday or Tuesday. The German aim is to secure a workable compromise by a meeting of European agricultural and foreign ministers on September 20, but this is unlikely.

Germany, which has to mediate between the United States and France on the issue, is being forced into relatively empty support for Paris in order to protect the "special" Franco-German relationship. German industry wants a clear formal commitment to free trade by the end of the current year.

German farmers do have doubts but their opposition is no way near as radical or as determined as that of the French. The days when Germany could be pushed into line by the French farmers' lobby have passed.

But Bonn is keen to find a face-saving formula that will allow the French government to sign a General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) deal and at the same time keep its farmers happy. Bonn in particular wants to avoid a rift with Washington.



Helmut Kohl and Edouard Balladur reviewing the guard of honour for the French prime minister's arrival at the Bonn Chancellery yesterday

Much of yesterday's summit statement was pitched at the Americans. A reasonable Gatt accord was essential not only for the Community, said Herr Kohl, but also "for our partners across the Atlantic". In a statement that drew obvious approval from the French prime minister, the chancellor said: "It is not helpful to put the French in the dock."

Apart from the largely rhetorical display of solidarity, Bonn had little else to offer. The Bundesbank, which could have presented M Balladur with a gift, left interest rates unchanged. The French line is now to take a more understanding approach towards German monetary policy: publicly accepting that the Bundesbank is an independent actor and emphasising that France is in no rush to return to the narrow currency bands of the European exchange-rate mechanism. Politicians from Bonn and Paris seem to agree that an altogether more relaxed approach is needed on monetary affairs to protect the political relationship. This change of tone may lead to French support for siting the European central bank in Germany.

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Neo-Nazis' ranks swell in Germany

BY ROGER BOYES

THE German government yesterday reported a steep increase in the number of far-right militants and said that neo-Nazis were attacking not only foreigners but also homosexuals and the handicapped.

Manfred Kanther, the German interior minister, said 2,584 crimes of violence were committed by the far right last year, an increase of 74 per cent over 1991. Seventeen people were killed as the result of right-wing violence, he said, presenting the annual report of the federal office for the protection of the constitution, the equivalent of the FBI.

The number of neo-Nazis has been swelling as a result of an active recruitment campaign in eastern Germany. The report says that at the end of 1992 there were 42,700 right-wing extremists on police files. The neo-Nazi parties claim much higher numbers than those reported by the police. The report says that the German People's Union, the fastest growing right-wing party, has recruited about 26,000 new members in eastern Germany, but Gerhard Frey, the party chairman, says the true figure is twice that.

Turks, Vietnamese and people from African countries are still the chief targets of right-wing violence. But police have arrested neo-Nazis in Saarbrucken who beat up homosexuals. In Leipzig, thugs broke into a home for the physically handicapped, let off fireworks, threatened the staff and told the patients that they should be gassed, according to the report.

The Russian secret service was still active in Germany, according to the report. Chief targets were German companies and economic think tanks. There was evidence that former KGB employees were establishing companies with business interests in Germany. Some may be dummy firms set up to find out about German economic plans and prospects, the report speculates. Russia has also been trying to reactivate former East German spies, it says.



Former Queen Ioanna of Bulgaria ending 47 years of exile as she arrived in Sofia for the reburial of a heart, presumed to be that of her husband, King Boris. Many believe he was poisoned on orders from Stalin or Hitler. The elderly queen wiped away a tear when children greeted her and a choir sang monarchic songs. *(Reuter)*

U-boat's torpedoes delay salvage work

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

PLANS to tow away a German submarine for onshore investigation by conservationists have been postponed until the weekend because of delays in removing potentially dangerous torpedoes from the second world war U-boat.

Salvage experts continued the onerous task of removing torpedoes, shells and other ammunition from inside the submarine yesterday after successfully raising the vessel on to a barge off Denmark.

"It is proving extremely difficult to work inside the submarine," Jonathan Wardlow, spokesman for the project said. "We spent the whole day on Wednesday getting just two of the estimated 16 torpedoes on board out of the U-boat. At this rate it's going to take us a week to clear the vessel."

Three bomb disposal experts are working on locating and removing the U-534's torpedoes, which are each armed with 620 lb of explosive. "One of the two torpedoes we removed from the rear torpedo room and placed on the barge broke in half," Mr Wardlow said. Other torpedoes are in perfect condition.

The submarine is located 13 miles northeast of the Danish island of Anholt at the mouth of the Baltic. A Danish-Dutch consortium brought the U-534, rumoured to be carrying Nazi treasures or secrets, to the surface off Anholt on Monday morning. It sank 48 years ago.

A full investigation of the U-534 will be carried out by conservationists under strict Danish defence ministry supervision in a dry dock at the port of Hirtshals on the North Sea side of the tip of Denmark's Jutland Peninsular, 90 miles to the West of the salvage site.

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Shadow over the UN as Mostar relief effort turns sour



Richard Beeston, with the first convoy to reach Mostar, reports on how starving citizens turned on their "saviours", condemning the mission as a salve to the UN's conscience

THE United Nations cannot win. In Sarajevo its troops stand accused of trafficking in heroin and cigarettes. In Mostar, by contrast, our convoy was welcomed with broad smiles, its blue-helmeted escorts greeted as heroes — until the starving Muslims trapped here in desperate circumstances turned against us.

They said bitterly that the UN was merely salving its conscience. They even tried to stop the white-painted APCs and lorries from leaving, fearful they would be slaughtered once the UN abandoned them.

Mostar is a hell where people live packed in cellars, where despite the allied airdrops of Meals Ready to Eat (MREs), which are consumed as fast as they drop, people have almost nothing left to eat, and where hospital staff work without medicines under sniper fire. Nigel Moore, the leader of the British aid lorry which helped break the two-month siege of the surrounded Muslim population trapped on the eastern half of this city, was swift to realise he had spoken too soon in voicing a sense of achievement.

After weeks of negotiations between warring Croat and Muslim parties and nearly 48 hours of constant harassment of his convoy on the roads, the last of the 19 lorries carrying 200 tonnes of vital medicine and food had been finally unloaded on the battle-scarred streets of the city.

"This is one of the most rewarding jobs I have ever done," the former RAF officer said. "I know that every scrap of food we have brought here will be eaten. It was worth all the hard work."

Hardly had he finished the sentence, however, than the burst of automatic fire by a Bosnian Muslim soldier over his car signalled the start of yet another confrontation with the local population, which may be bitterly divided on questions of religion and nationalism but has shown uncommon unity in its growing disdain for the UN.

Even though the organisation's latest humanitarian mission in Mostar, involving the negotiation of a ceasefire between Muslims and Croats and the delivery of aid to both sides of the divided city had noble intention, the UN has somehow succeeded in becoming part of the problem in the former Yugoslav republic rather than the solution to that problem.

True, as the three-mile convoy of UN vehicles snaked into the ancient streets of this Ottoman city for the first time for nearly two months entire families came out of their home to cheer and wave the relief column through.

"We had no water, no food, no medicine and no electricity, now at least they might give us something," said Kata Maxomic, 60, who cheered as the Belgian and British lorries escorted by Spanish peacekeeping troops edged their way carefully through the blackened streets.

At Mostar's main hospital, however, the arrival of two lorryloads of badly needed medical supplies hardly seem to have any impact on the overworked staff, whose team of three surgeons had conducted 70 operations the day before. In the dirty, cramped casualty ward the victims of sniper fire, those with grenade shrapnel wounds or the terrible burns of a magnesium shell were far beyond caring about the progress of aid. "The world let this crime happen by allowing the Chetniks (Serbs) and the HVO (Croats) to attack us," said the doctor, who refused to be named; his pregnant wife is still trapped on the Western Croat side of the city. "This convoy is to ease their consciences. If we are allowed to be free we would not need their food and medicine handouts."

His anger, partly the result of overwork, too little sleep and the accumulated pressures of life under siege, boiled to the surface within hours as housewives and schoolchildren, goaded by the authorities, blocked the the streets of Mostar to prevent the aid column, their supposed saviours, from leaving. The townsfolk clearly feared that the UN felt it had fulfilled its obligation for the time being, and that the Croat HVO militia might believe it has a free hand to tighten its stranglehold over the city, a fear underlined by the destruction of a vital dam north of Mostar on Wednesday night.

The attack swelled the banks of the Neretva River, washing away two makeshift bridges linking Muslim pockets on both sides of the river and the water pumps which served the 55,000 Muslims in the eastern half of the city.

As Alija Alikadic, the town's leader, later endeavoured to explain at a press conference in a half-hearted apology to the trapped aid workers and journalists, Mostar was not holding hostages, only reminding the world of its moral obligations.

Peacekeepers face enquiry on corruption and drug claims

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

■ The sale of cigarettes by the Ukrainians, and reports of heroin peddling have forced Unprofor to act. The low wages paid to soldiers in Sarajevo may be one cause

AN INVESTIGATION into allegations of corruption among United Nations Protection Force (Unprofor) troops in Sarajevo began yesterday. The enquiry team of four military police officers, led by a Frenchman, was ordered to go to the Bosnian capital by General Jean Cot, the overall Unprofor commander in Zagreb.

Reports that Sarajevo has been turned into "sin city" have been rife, often based on rumours that have circulated in the capital and elsewhere in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Stories of corruption and black marketeering have been part of the way of life, especially in Sarajevo.

The latest allegations, however, including reports that heroin may have been smuggled into the city by Ukrainian Unprofor soldiers on aid lorries, have forced Zagreb to investigate. Since some of the allegations, in particular the use of prostitutes by Unprofor soldiers, involve the French, the appointment of a French officer as head of the enquiry team is regarded by some as insensitive. Unprofor sources said he was chosen because he was the most appropriate and most senior military police officer available.

The team will face two obstacles: finding proof and tracing witnesses prepared to give evidence in a city that has been destroyed by war and where 380,000 inhabitants live according to the rules of survival, not the rule of law.

There are 434 Ukrainians in the Sarajevo sector, although half of them are serving in Zepa, the Muslim enclave in eastern Bosnia. In Sarajevo, they live in worse conditions than their fellow Unprofor troops from France and Egypt. Crammed into the crumbling Tito barracks, which has been shelled almost every day since the war began in April last year, they lead a fairly primitive existence.

Each soldier brings only one uniform to wear throughout his six-month tour. They have no washing powder to clean their clothes. A Ukrainian major is paid the equivalent of £13 a month and receives only a basic UN daily allowance. Partly as a result of the appalling conditions in which they live and partly because they come from a culture where dealing on the black market is regarded as normal, the Ukrainians have supplemented their meagre income with some wholesale war profiteering: selling Unprofor jerrycans of petrol and diesel for up to £20 a gallon, and a carton of cigarettes for about £50.

Tito barracks has one advantage. There is a back gate that leads to a street sheltered from the Bosnian Serb snipers in the hills. Ukrainians can slip out into the street where there are always plenty of people because of its relative safety, and since the Ukrainian and Croat languages have much in common, they can do their deals.

Unprofor headquarters officials in Kiseljak, central Bosnia, said black marketeering was always stamped on "where there is proof". A spokeswoman said 13 Ukrainian soldiers had been sent home for "conduct unbecoming", a charge likely to lead to their dismissal from the army and the loss of their pension.

There has been no evidence, however, that the Ukrainians have been involved in drugs smuggling. Drugs, ranging from cannabis and cocaine to heroin are freely available in Sarajevo.

Some of the 2,000 French soldiers stationed in the capital have also allegedly succumbed to the temptations of war profiteering. There have been allegations that French troops at Sarajevo airport, which is in the Serb line of fire, have often charged about £25 a head for taking people across the runway in an armoured personnel carrier. A Serb doctor who was allowed to leave Sarajevo claimed he had to pay £1,600.

Prostitutes in Sarajevo have also been seen climbing into the back of French armoured vehicles. However, as one military source said: "This is inevitable in a war zone. One just hopes the women take medical precautions and get paid."

The third Unprofor unit in Sarajevo is Egyptian. The 421 Egyptian soldiers are housed at the beautiful but dangerously positioned Bistrik camp, in a Muslim sector of the capital. They call it Bistrick jail because they can only leave it when they go out on patrols. The Egyptians are professional and tightly disciplined. There have been no corruption allegations against them. Nor have there ever been suggestions that the British have engaged in war profiteering. The main British camp at Vitez in central Bosnia is run like any barracks in Britain or Germany with the regimental sergeant-major enforcing discipline with a rod of iron.

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Charges reflect conduct unbecoming

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

CHARGES of drug-smuggling, prostitution and black marketeering are nothing new for the United Nations peacekeeping forces around the world. The number of troops has ballooned from 10,000 three years ago to about 80,000 today and the cases reported have increased accordingly.

A Mexican policeman serving with the UN force in El Salvador was arrested by local authorities in April on suspicion of smuggling 55lb of cocaine removed from a police warehouse. The organisation agreed to lift his diplomatic immunity to allow the enquiry to proceed.

Bulgarian troops serving with the UN in Cambodia were ordered to remove live-in prostitutes from their barracks, and one Bulgarian soldier reportedly contracted venereal disease 16 times.

In the former Yugoslavia, the large number of UN troops has led to particularly widespread allegations of misconduct. Viktor Loginov and Alexander Kromchenko, the two key commanders of the Russian UN contingent in Croatia, were recalled by their country earlier this year after an investigation found that they had broken UN rules preventing local Serbs from gaining access to UN-monitored heavy weapons. Colonel Loginov was given a send-off party and a white Mercedes by the Serbs.

As the number of UN peacekeepers increase, the organisation can be less selective about the quality of its troops. A special UN team led by a French military officer arrived in Sarajevo yesterday after Thorvald Stoltenberg, the UN special representative for the former Yugoslavia, ordered the UN force commander to investigate. The UN has yet to set up a unified procedure for disciplining troops. Those guilty of improper conduct are occasionally court-martialled by their commanders, but more often they are just repatriated under a cloud.



Stoltenberg: ordered enquiry into claims



A United Nations officer showing a Croat woman that there are no arms concealed in the aid convoy bound for Muslims trapped in Mostar

Aid package boosts candlelight doctors

BY KATE ALDERSON

SURGEONS in Bosnia-Herzegovina are being forced to operate using penknifes and amputate without anaesthetic, a British doctor said yesterday after visiting the republic. He spoke of the desperate need for medical supplies as the government announced a £10 million medical aid package.

Specialist teams of orthopaedic, plastic and eye surgeons and nursing support are to be flown from Britain to work with their counterparts in Bosnian hospitals. The supplies to be sent include kits to deal with emergencies, specialist drugs and drugs to help mental health patients.

Dr Mukesh Kapila, senior medical adviser to the Overseas Development Administration, told of a hospital operating theatre set up in a coal cellar to escape mortar fire and of hospitals without water or electricity carrying out operations by candlelight.

He said the increased medical supplies were not a substitute for the evacuation of the seriously ill to Britain. "It is intended to reinforce the local effort that is going on. It would be an insult to the local doctors and nurses to suggest they had failed dismally and that their patients require evacuation. They are going to extraordinary lengths to minimise evacuation."

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President's men labour to forge Clinton doctrine



Clinton: relaxing while advisers rationalise his foreign policy

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

■ President Clinton needs a blueprint to dispel the notion that his foreign policy is adrift and unfocused. The end of the Cold War has made "bumper sticker" goals harder to find

WHILE President Clinton relaxes on holiday and much of Washington slumbers through the August doldrums, one group is still busy at the White House. Its members, all specialists in national security and world affairs, are trying to produce a strategy blueprint for the president to dispel a growing perception that he has only an ad hoc foreign policy which is adrift, unfocused and lacklustre.

There is a lurching quality to Mr Clinton's foreign agenda. Surprises are sprung and not explained, such as the abrupt decision to send 400 commandos to Somalia. The Somali predicament cries out for a restatement of America's goals, interests and timetable, but Mr Clinton remains silent.

His handling of overseas issues ranks low among the concerns of most Americans, who want him to concentrate on domestic problems, but without a clear global vision or statement of aims the United States runs the risk of sliding into isolationism and even of being marginalised by its allies. Sensing this, Mr Clinton has ordered his foreign policy review group to present him with themes amounting to a doctrine that he can proclaim in his first address to the United Nations general assembly in September and which will be underscored in speeches by Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, Les Aspin, the defence secretary, and Madeleine Albright, the ambassador to the UN.

Mr Clinton is expected to offer American training for international peacekeepers and help in establishing a command-and-control centre for UN military operations. The need for both has become urgent with increasing demands on blue beret forces. Mr Clinton will also try to put America's trading links with Asia on a fairer footing.

Other themes under discussion at the White House are how to make the world safer, freer and more prosperous. Safety means non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, removal of environmental threats and dealing with renegade states, such as Iran, Iraq and North Korea which flout international standards of behaviour.

More freedom covers democracy and human rights and trying to cope with failed states such as Somalia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Prosperity is seen in terms of jobs for Americans, opportunities for foreign investment, encouraging capital to come to the United States and creation of trading blocs, such as the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement.

None of these ideas has the ringing call to arms of defeating communism. A senior administration official said: "With no Cold War, the threats are more amorphous. The rallying ground is more difficult to find. It's tough to put US policy goals on a bumper sticker."

An intriguing insight into future American foreign policy was offered in May by Peter Tarnoff, the undersecretary of state for political affairs, who said Washington would operate under "new rules of engagement". Burdened by domestic budget demands, the United States would co-ordinate its foreign conduct with other nations and would act unilaterally only "rarely".

Mr Christopher swiftly disavowed his remarks, saying they did not represent American policy "if the implication is that we'd step back from our leadership role". Yet Mr Tarnoff's views on multilateralism still hold sway at the White House, where officials agree that the United States must join its allies in facing challenges, as in the Gulf war. They echo his opinion that the United States can act alone only occasionally when its interests are at stake, as in bombing Iraq in revenge for the plot to kill George Bush.

The officials concede that allied cohesion has not worked in Bosnia, over which Mr Clinton's flip-flops. His refusal to send troops to serve alongside British and French peacekeepers has done significant damage to America's reputation in Europe and to the solidarity of Nato, one of the multinational organisations the Americans claim they want to enhance.

Republicans are dismayed by the harm already caused. "The Europeans have sized up this administration as incompetent and I don't think it's a correctable problem," said Douglas Feay, foreign policy analyst with the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank in Washington. He was worried that Mr Clinton's failure to define foreign policy goals would give rise to anti-Americanism even among the right wing of British Conservatives.

To be fair, there have been some successes: Mr Clinton's intervention with King Fahd to win Saudi orders for American airliners, continuation of the Middle East peace process against stiff odds, a vigorous performance at the Group of Seven summit and the commitment to Russian reforms. But Mr Clinton's critics say he needs more than this and it is time for him to stop being an apprentice and become a world leader.

☐ Treaty tackled: Ross Perot, the former presidential candidate, is about to launch a media blitz on the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico, one of Mr Clinton's pet legislative projects (Wolfgang Münchau writes). The Texan billionaire will present his arguments in a book, to be published on Labour Day, September 6, entitled *Save Your Job, Save Our Country. Why Nafta Must Be Stopped.*

The treaty is still about 30 votes short of being passed in the House of Representatives, whose enthusiasm for ratifying the treaty has not risen despite a recently concluded side agreement, which was to address some American concerns, such as labour and environmental issues. Mr Clinton will face an uphill battle to persuade wavering Democrats to change their minds. Most Republicans support the treaty, while most Democrats do not, especially not the Democratic labour wing.

China to defy US sanctions over missiles for Pakistan

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

PEKING has denounced the American decision to impose on China $500 million (£333 million) sanctions in response to sales of Chinese missiles to Pakistan. Yesterday the foreign ministry stated that in shipping M 11 short-range missile parts to Pakistan, "China has done done nothing which violates the guidelines and parameters of the missile technology control regime".

The ministry maintained that the missiles — which until very recently it denied exporting — are not covered by the regime, which Peking has not signed but which it has assured the Americans it would honour.

The Peking spokesman yesterday alleged that the US "has turned a deaf ear to this... This is absolutely unjustifiable. We are strongly opposed to it." Pakistan yesterday made a similar claim, adding that the last Chinese shipment of missile parts was in February last year.

On technical grounds the missile quarrel is a bit murky, and the Chinese grievance is not far-fetched. According to the regime, missiles with a range of over 187.5 miles are not to be transferred. The M 11 has range of 190 miles, and it is acknowledged by the Americans that until recently US intelligence and defence experts were divided on the threat it posed.

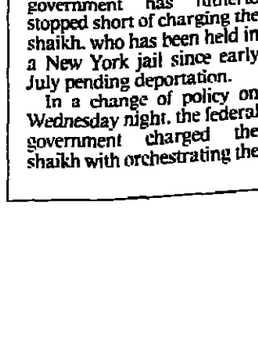
Noting that this set of sanctions is the first action by the Clinton administration against China and constitutes a distinct departure from the Bush era, some analysts have wondered whether it is an essentially political move, to make President Clinton look more decisive on the China problem than his predecessor.

This is why American manufacturers of items on the sanctions list, which include satellite launching equipment, such as rocket systems and re-entry vehicles, are angry that they are losing a major customer — and will not be recompensed.

Peking claims it will defy the sanctions. The Communist *People's Daily* wrote: "There are people trying to hinder and control China's entry to the international aerospace market, but the facts show that all their efforts are futile." A spokesman for the Chinese National Space Administration claimed that before long China will produce its own launchers.

China is entering a period of struggle over the succession to the nearly moribund Deng Xiaoping when the contenders for power must appear strong in dealing with foreigners. The country is also in economic turmoil. Its arms sales have dropped from $4.7 billion annually in 1987, when it was the world's fifth largest exporter, to only $100 million last year, or tenth place.

Since the breakup of the Soviet Union China's relatively obsolete, if cheap, weapons have lost out to ex-Soviet arms, especially jet fighters, tanks and ships. China has very little left to offer its customers in the Middle East other than missile technology.



Deng: contenders jockeying for power



VIRGILIO Godoy, Nicaragua's vice-president, waving to cheering crowds in Managua after the week-long double hostage crisis ended peacefully with the release of all captives and an amnesty for their abductors. Hours after re-armed Contra rebels freed their hostages in the north of the country, Señor Godoy was released after being held by retired Sandinista army officers for almost six days (David Adams writes from Miami). The hostage crisis ended with a call for a national dialogue to tackle the country's many political and economic problems in the aftermath of a decade-long civil war which formally ended in 1990. While the government was pleased to be able to end the stand-off without bloodshed and may emerge strengthened in the short run, many long-term issues remain unresolved. President Chamorro is under increasing pressure to retire General Humberto Ortega, her army chief and the brother of the former Sandinista president, Daniel Ortega. When Señor Godoy emerged from captivity with other conservative leaders, he immediately lashed out. "The big losers today are the same ones who lost the 1990 election," he said. The other was the government, which failed to exercise its authority.

Argentine minister quits after attacking president's ambition

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN BUENOS AIRES

SIGNS reading "Menem 1995" cover most of the once bare walls in Buenos Aires. For some it is a premature sign of President Menem's ambition to be re-elected even though the Argentine constitution does not allow it yet.

Señor Menem's quest to extend his powers beyond 1995 also fuelled controversy in his government this week with the resignation of Gustavo Beliz, the interior minister. He was forced to quit after saying that he was opposed to members of the government who wanted to push forward the re-election campaign. "In a democracy you cannot just push through policies by force. You have to consult the people," the former interior minister said. He also called for dialogue with the largest opposition party, the Radical party of former President Alfonsin.

According to the Argentine constitution a president cannot stay in office for two consecutive terms of five years. But Señor Menem's Justice party (once called the Peronist party) has already launched his re-election campaign and is aiming for victory in congressional elections on October 3, to get the two thirds majority it needs to approve constitutional reform.

Opinion polls in Argentina show that people back reforms because they would like to see changes in the judiciary and make government less prone to corruption. But they are less keen on seeing their constitution dabbled with for one man's personal ambitions.

Señor Beliz's successor, Carlos Ruckauf, is a slicker politician and a staunch populist of the ruling party but is also known as an ally of former members of the government forced to leave after corruption allegations.

Shaikh faces American trial for sedition

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

■ The government has had a change of heart. Employing a seldom-used charge to bring Shaikh Omar Abdel Rahman to trial, it has raised the stakes against terrorism

AMERICA has increased the stakes in its newest battle against Islamic terrorism by charging Shaikh Omar Abdel Rahman, the radical Muslim cleric, with masterminding an array of terrorist activities around New York.

Several of the blind shaikh's followers have been charged with bombing the World Trade Centre last February, killing six people, and a second plot to attack other New York targets. But the government has hitherto stopped short of charging the shaikh, who has been held in a New York jail since early July pending deportation.

In a change of policy on Wednesday night, the federal government charged the shaikh with orchestrating the bombing of the World Trade Centre, a second plot to attack targets around New York, including the United Nations building and FBI headquarters, and the killing of the militant rabbi, Meir Kahane, in 1990.

The shaikh, 55, and his followers intended to "levy a war of urban terrorism against the US", the indictment said, and also planned the assassination of President Mubarak of Egypt, long the principal target of the shaikh's fundamentalist rhetoric.

The group is also charged with conspiracy to bomb New York's Diamond District, largely populated by Jews, and planning to murder at least two prominent members of the Jewish community in New York.

The sweeping charges linked for the first time all the bombing conspiracies and Rabbi Kahane's assassination. El Sayyid Nosair, the man tried and acquitted of the rabbi's murder but convicted on weapons charges, was also charged with a fresh federal conspiracy.

Twelve men have already been charged with the plot to attack targets around New York. The accused men, numbering 15, will now be prosecuted as a single, coherent terrorist cell under the overall command of Shaikh Abdel Rahman.

The new indictment avoids charging the shaikh with any specific crime, but by employing a seldom-used sedition law accuses him of being "a leader of the organisation with whom others consulted in pursuing and planning bombings, murders and other acts of terrorism in furtherance of the objectives of the conspiracy". He also "provided instruction on whether particular acts of terrorism were permissible or forbidden", the indictment alleges.

The change of tack by Janet Reno, the attorney-general, who two months ago turned down recommendations to charge the shaikh, represents a gamble on the part of the administration. The shaikh's lawyers will undoubtedly argue that the lack of specific charges indicates an absence of concrete evidence against the shaikh.

Most of the government's case rests on hundreds of hours of tape-recordings assembled by an undercover FBI agent. Transcripts that have been made public show that the shaikh was plainly consulted on bombing targets.

There is also the possibility that charging the shaikh could prompt further attacks on American targets by his followers.

Officials in Washington have confirmed that security has been tightened at American military bases and embassies around the world.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Twins' fund was used by father for drugs

Chicago: The father of Siamese twins separated in a complex operation provoking national sympathy has admitted that he used some of the money donated to cover medical expenses to buy drugs for himself.

"I took some money — got a bad drug habit that I've been trying to deal with now for some time," Kenneth Lakeberg, 26, said on television in Chicago. The station disclosed that he took thousands of dollars from a charitable account set up for his daughters' expenses.

It claimed Mr Lakeberg took $8,000 (£5,405) from the fund. He is on probation for stabbing a cousin and faces a hearing involving parole violations that could send him to jail.

Only one twin, Angela, survived the operation. Medical bills are believed to have exceeded $1 million. *(Reuter)*

Jets hit base

Ain Bouswar: Israeli planes have hit an underground Hezbollah guerrilla base near this village in southern Lebanon to avenge the killing of nine Israeli soldiers a week ago. Hezbollah fighters said that nobody was injured in the attack. *(Reuter)*

Deaths studied

Monrovia: A three-member United Nations team has arrived in Liberia to investigate the massacre of more than 500 civilians in a refugee camp at Harbel, 30 miles from the capital. Rebels and government troops blame each other for the killings. *(AFP)*

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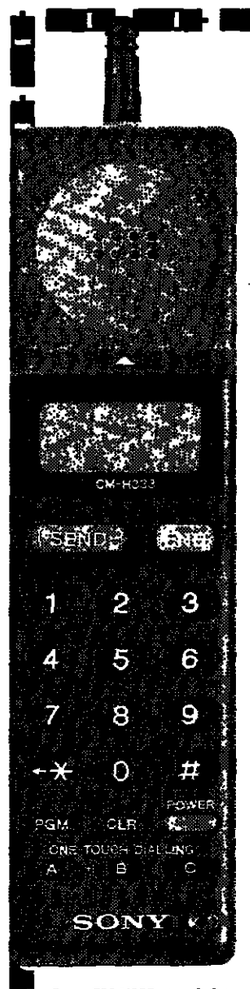
Tirana: The top court in Albania, where all the members of the former communist politburo are in prison, upheld an 11-year jail sentence on the widow of former Stalinist dictator Enver Hoxha. Nexhmije Hoxha, 72, was jailed for embezzling public funds. *(Reuter)*

Price of Aids

Miami: A Dade County jury has awarded $18 million (£12 million) to a man who contracted the Aids virus from his fiancée. It is thought to be the biggest award ever in an Aids-related case and the first one to be granted against a woman. *(Reuter)*

Rhino flight

Wellington: A New Zealand air force plane has been chartered to fly a female white rhinoceros 1,000 miles to a herd of young males in the hope she will become pregnant. The 2.4-tonne Sesheka, 14, will be flown from Auckland to Christchurch. *(Reuter)*



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Ben Macintyre on a writer who delights the American chattering classes with her intellectual acid

'Biography is listening to backstairs gossip and reading people's mail'

Early on in her remarkable account of the life and legacy of Sylvia Plath, published in *The New Yorker* magazine this month, the writer Janet Malcolm lobs up this characteristically incendiary remark: Biography, she says, "is the medium through which the remaining secrets of the famous dead are taken from them and dumped out in full view of the world. The biographer at work, indeed, is like the professional burglar, breaking into a house, rifling through certain drawers that he has reason to think contain the jewelry and money, and triumphantly bearing his loot away."

With such observations, written in intellectual acid over the past decade, Ms Malcolm has managed to enrage, at some point, just about everyone in the American literary world.

At the age of 58, Ms Malcolm has earned herself an unparalleled reputation as America's self-appointed literary conscience. Her *New Yorker* pieces are vast and scholarly, hardly the stuff to satisfy an American public fed on sound-bites, but they have generated astonishingly vigorous debate as well as the most bizarre literary lawsuit of the past decade.

Armed with a scholarly scalpel, and cloaked in controversy, Ms Malcolm has set to work on, variously, journalistic ethics, the nature of fiction and the marshy philosophical terrain between a writer and his subject.

Perhaps most celebrated, and reviled, are her caustic views on her own profession. In 1989 she wrote: "Every journalist who is not too stupid or too full of himself to notice what is going on knows that what he does is morally indefensible. He is a kind of confidence man, preying on people's vanity, ignorance and loneliness, gaining their trust and betraying them without remorse."

Her latest work, entitled *The Silent Woman*, is no less pointed. A massive three-part, 60,000-word treatise on the myth and misuse of Sylvia Plath, she explores in fascinating detail the bitter and continuing battle over the meaning of Plath's life and work: a battle fought between, on the one hand, Plath's estranged husband, the poet Ted Hughes, and his sister Olwyn Hughes (executors of the Plath estate), and on the other, the "cultists", "libbers" and others who have sought to appropriate or interpret Plath.

Ms Malcolm avowedly sides with the Hugheses in this savage fracas, but her piece is more broadly an exploration of the flawed nature of biographical writing.

The writer is herself in little danger of suffering the biographical indignities she sees being visited on others. Her own house is in no danger of being burgled. She gives no interviews, never talks to the press and, while loud on the page, like her latest subject she is quite silent off it — which is another reason why members of the fourth estate are positively queuing up to clobber her.

Ms Malcolm first burst into public, rather than just academic attention, with a profile in 1984 of Jeffrey Masson, the flamboyant and iconoclastic psychoanalyst who had been fired as caretaker of the Freud archives. The article was vintage Malcolm, 40,000 words long and devastating, painting Mr Masson as a narcissistic intellectual lightweight. Mr Masson sued in the federal court in California, claiming he had been misquoted. While Ms Malcolm admitted she had rearranged and "tidied up" some of Mr Masson remarks, she insisted the spirit of the piece was in accord with Mr Masson's character.

The legal battle threw into relief two diametrically opposed characters: Masson, extrovert and publicity-hungry; Malcolm, retiring, cerebral and taut.

After a byzantine passage through the courts, a San Francisco jury in June finally sided with Mr Masson and found that Ms Malcolm had fabricated five quotations, two of them libellous. What the jury could not decide, however, was the extent of the damage, in monetary terms, to Mr Masson's reputation. Now the entire case may have to be tried again — to the horror of the participants, and the delight of the chattering classes.

In the meantime, Ms Malcolm had published *The Journalist and the Murderer*, her book discussing journalistic ethics, which placed her libel trial in an even more interesting light. In that work,

> 'Voyeurism and busybodyism impel writers and readers of biography alike'

part of which appeared in *The New Yorker* in 1989, and is quoted above, Ms Malcolm accused the author Joe McGinniss of double-crossing a convicted murderer, Jeffrey MacDonald, by befriending him and then writing a defamatory book about him.

That, concluded Ms Malcolm, is what journalism is about. "I was struck by the unhealthiness of the journalist-subject relationship, and every piece I wrote only deepened my consciousness of the canker that lies at the heart of the rose of journalism," she wrote. Many interpreted her views as a sort of disguised apology for the way she had strung along Mr Masson before working him over, although she has denied this.

Ms Malcolm's examination of Sylvia Plath is also an essay on the nature of truth in writing when the writer is forced into a relationship with his or her subject, or in the case of Plath, with her literary executors. "There is no such thing as a work of pure factuality, any more than there is one of pure fictitiousness," she wrote. In exploring the life of Plath, Ms Malcolm is less concerned with the events of that strange and tragic life, than in the way the life has been relayed.

For Ms Malcolm, Plath's life represents an epistemological Morton's fork: if a biographer ignores Ted Hughes and his sister and tries to write without them, the result is partial at best, at worst biased and vindictive; if the biographer works with them, he is open to accusations of having been co-opted — as happened to Anne Stevenson, whose biography *Bitter Fame*, was the only one written with the co-operation of the Plath estate.

The literary landscape as surveyed by Ms Malcolm is a grim place, where no absolute truth exists and a thin mist of moral compromise stretches to the horizon. Born in Czechoslovakia of Jewish parents, Ms Malcolm moved to the United States in 1939 and her writing bears an absolutism of temperament, a dour distrust. She is an astonishing writer, with a grasp of nuance that can be electric. She is also often right.

Arguably, building up a relationship with a journalistic subject is dangerous, not because it is a dishonest attempt to "dish the dirt" but because that very intimacy may act as a restraint in relaying honest journalism. A journalist's responsibility is to the readers, not the subject. If one can do one's duty to the former without causing pain to the latter, then so much the better, but that is not always possible. Nor is it confidence trickery.

Ms Malcolm's conception of writing seems weirdly aggressive, a smash-and-grab operation designed to expose and embarrass rather than inform. So does her conception of biography, which gives little credit to either the honest intentions of the biographer or the proofs and rewards of scholarship. "The voyeurism and busybodyism that impel writers and readers of biography alike are obscured by an apparatus of scholarship... the reader believes that he is having an elevating literary experience, rather than simply listening to backstairs gossip and reading other people's mail," she writes.

But if biography was simply the tabloid compilation she suggests, then I doubt many would be prepared to read, let alone write it. And if warts-and-all biography was merely composed of warts, it would be unreadable. Indeed some biographers have left out the warts, but have still produced superbly elevating works.

Sylvia Plath's life has suffered from a lurid feud over her meaning which is exceptional. To extrapolate from this to damn the genre in general is as unfair as to assume that every journalist is a Joe McGinniss.

It is easy to argue with Ms Malcolm's overly trenchant, somewhat ungenerous diatribes. Her view of what it means to write is pinched and bitter to the taste, yet taken as a whole her plea is for greater honesty in writing, greater awareness of its limitations, and of the agendas, biases and problems that go into its production.

That call is a timely one, when Joe McGinniss (whose taste for controversy is as acute as Ms Malcolm's) has just published what purports to be a biography of Senator Edward Kennedy, but is truly fiction; when American television abounds with "docudrama" casually conflating reality and fantasy, and when the nightly news is read like advertising hype.

Ms Malcolm plays the role of the strict schoolmarm, tart and a little self-righteous, but with a visible ladder in her own tights; yet her admonishments linger in the mind, perhaps, in the end, making us better writers.



Always cloaked in controversy, Janet Malcolm gives no interviews but has become America's literary conscience



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Mole decides to learn how to write

Abandoned by Bianca, our hero heads for Greece ... the final extract from Sue Townsend's comic tale

Thursday February 20th
I received a brochure this morning from an organisation called the Faxos Institute. They were offering me a holistic holiday on the Greek island of Faxos, with courses in creative writing, dream workshops, finding your voice and stress management.

It looked truly idyllic. I turned a page and saw that Angela Hacker, the novelist, playwright and television personality, was "facilitating" the writing course for the first two weeks in April. I have not read her books or seen her plays, but I have seen her on the television programme *Through the Keyhole*.

I closed the brochure with a sigh. Two weeks in Faxos talking about my novel with Angela Hacker would be paradise, but I can't afford it.

Monday March 16th
Received another brochure from the Faxos Institute. Why are they mailing me so assiduously?

Thursday March 19th
Idly filled in a cheque made out to "Faxos Institute", but I was only trying out a new pen. I couldn't possibly afford it.

Friday March 27th
Plane tickets arrived today.

A new girl started work as a waitress at "Savages" this evening. Her name is Jo Jo and she is from Nigeria. She is studying Art at St Martin's. She is taller than anybody else in the restaurant.

Sunday March 29th
I was still in bed at midday when there was a knock on the door. I never have visitors, so I was a little alarmed. I was delighted to see Jo Jo and invited her in. She walked around the room and commented on how tidy it was. She stopped at the table where my manuscript lay in its transparent folder and said, "So this is your book."

She touched it reverently. "I would like to read it one day."

She lives on the top floor of a mansion block. Every room is full of her paintings. Many of the paintings are nude self-portraits, in which she had depicted herself in many colours. I asked her if she was making a statement about her colour. "No," she laughed. "But I would get bored only using blacks and browns."

Hotel Adelph
Athens
Thursday April 2nd
9.30am
Dear Jo Jo
For the first time in my life, there is nobody to wish me a Happy Birthday. I am now twenty-five years old. Which is a millstone in anybody's life. Do I still qualify to be called a "Young British Novelist"?

Other participants in the Faxos Institute course are milling around downstairs in the hotel lobby, chatting easily to each other. Angela Hacker was smoking a cigarette and looking moodily at the Acropolis in the far distance.

I don't know when the photograph of her in the brochure was taken, but in life she looks at least forty-eight.
All best wishes.
Adrian



Faxos
Sunday April 5th
Dear Jo Jo
You asked me to let you know how the Faxos course was, so I'll tell you about the first day.

The writers collected on the terrace at 11.15am. Angela Hacker showed up at noon and apologised for having overslept. She then rambled on for an hour and fifteen minutes about "Truth" and "Narrative thrust" and "developing an original voice".

At 1.15pm she sprang to her feet and said, "Okay, that's it for the day. Write a poem including the word "Greece". She then headed for the bamboo bar, where she stayed for most of the day. She is a strange woman.

Monday April 6th
Oh Greece, ancient cultured land
You wrap around my heart just like
An old elastic band
Your hag-like women pensioners
Clad in clothes of black,
Are unaware of all the services they lack?

Saturday April 11th
My first fax!
Dear Adrian
Thank you for your letters. I wish I were there with you. It sounds idyllic. I'm so glad that you feel at ease.

I think you have it in your power to become a happy man, providing you can let go of the past. Why not try to live in the present and leave all that baggage behind on Faxos when you return?

I couldn't wait to tell you that I have been offered a shared exhibition of "Young Contemporaries" in September. Will you come to the opening? Please say you will.
I miss you.
Jo Jo

Hut Number Six
Faxos Institute
Faxos
Sunday April 12th
Dear Jo Jo
What fantastic news about the exhibition!

I gave my completed manuscript to Angela Hacker this morning. She took it from me and groaned, "Soddin hell. I only asked for one page!"

At 11.00pm, I found that the following note had been slipped under my door:

Adrian
I've skipped through *Lo! The Flat Hills of My Homeland*. I won't waste words! It's typical juvenilia and has no merit at all. But there is something about your poem.

I would like you to come and see me when we get back to London. Congratulations! You are a writer.
Angela Hacker

I may be a writer, Jo Jo, but I can't find the words to express my happiness. My plane gets into Gatwick on Wednesday at 5.00pm.
Love from,
Adrian

Wednesday April 15th
10.00pm I saw Jo Jo waiting beyond the barrier. I threw all my baggage down and ran towards her.

● Adrian Mole: The Wilderness Years *will be published by Methuen London on August 31 (£8.99).*

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Great writers hooked by the chess bug

Many literary masters have used the battle over 64 black and white squares to fuel their imagination

Chess is and always has been the writer's game *par excellence*. Its pared-down caricature of human reality has provided an inexhaustible wealth of material for literary allusions, descriptions, metaphors and tropes. Dante, Boccaccio, Chaucer, Spenser, Donne, Pope, Goethe, Byron, Keats, Tennyson, Browning, Yeats, Pound, T.S. Eliot, MacNeice and Borges have all made extensive use of chess.

The *Arabian Nights* and *Through the Looking Glass* stand for the lighter, more playful offshoots of chess; another classic reference, the *Rubáiyát* of Omar Khayyám, did not mention chess in the original Persian, but its translator Edward Fitzgerald introduced the game *into his version*.

Many great writers have been seized by a passion for chess. Denis Diderot's *Rameau's Nephew* in the 18th century gives evidence of many hours spent among the chess fiends at the Café de la Régence. At the same venue a century later, Turgenev played a serious match against a Polish master, Ladislas Maczuski, and lost only narrowly. He later told the younger Leo Tolstoy as they played a casual game: "They called me *Le chevalier du pion*. I am fond of pawns."

Tolstoy too was bitten by the chess bug. While serving in the army he failed to go on duty one night due to his absorption in a game, which cost him the medal for bravery he had been promised; instead he was arrested. But this affair did not cure him of fondness for chess: while fighting the British in 1855-6 during the Crimean War, Tolstoy occupied the many lulls in the action not only with writing his *Sevastopol Sketches*, so important in the germination of *War and Peace* a decade later, but with countless games of chess.

Indeed, it is scarcely farfetched to see the mental struggle on the 64 squares as a discipline which helped Tolstoy to impose order upon the messier reality of war. A great epic novel demands the marshalling of a vast material; chess served to sharpen his strategic sense. It may be no accident that the Indian novelist Vikram Seth — whose *A Suitable Boy* is constructed on the same grand scale as Tolstoy's novels — is also a keen chess player.

From Tolstoy and Dostoyevsky to Mayakovsky and Nabokov, Russian writers in particular have tended to chess addiction. The fanatical seriousness that overcomes some devotees of the game has inspired darkly powerful studies in obsession: Nabokov's *The Defence* (1930), matched only by the Austrian Stefan Zweig's 1939 novella *The Royal Game*, with sinister premonitions of his suicide. Certainly chess has always appealed to lovers of the daemonic: Elias Canetti's only full-length novel, *Auto da Fé* (1935), features a chess-playing midget who attaches himself to the protagonist and seeks to manipulate him. Canetti himself could be seen playing chess in a Hampstead coffee house for many years. Eventually it was replaced by a fast food outlet; the octogenarian Nobel Laureate now prefers to reside in Switzerland.

Chess continues to make frequent appearances in contemporary novels. To mention only two examples this year: Maureen Duffy's *Occam's Razor* takes two elderly chess partners as her heroes, using their skill at the game to outwit the IRA and the Mafia. Tim Pears's *In the Place of Fallen Leaves* has a chess prodigy as one of his main characters.



Leo Tolstoy had a fondness for chess which gave him the discipline to write an epic

Alongside the rich and manifold references to chess in the mainstream European and American literary tradition, chess has spawned a large literature of its own. According to a learned treatise by Anton Schmid, the Habsburgs' imperial librarian, even in 1847 this literature was immense. By 1912, the definitive *History of Chess* by H.J.R. Murray (son of the *OED*'s first editor), estimated that some 5,000 books, magazines and newspaper columns had been devoted to chess. Eighty years later, chess books are legion, but the German grandmaster Lothar Schmid's celebrated *private collection runs to some* 15,000 items.

The earliest works on chess were in Arabic, for chess flourished at the court of the caliphs at Baghdad. Among the earliest writers on the game was Rabbi Abraham Ben Ezra, a Jewish scholar who lived in Toledo in the early 12th century and wrote *the Hebrew "Song of Chess"*. Also in Spain, the 13th century king of Castile and León, Alfonso the Wise, commissioned one of the most magnificent of all medieval manuscripts, completed in 1283. Of its 98 leaves, 64 are devoted *to chess, and it is a vital* document for the history of the game.

But the first European chess book to achieve widespread circulation was Jacopo da Cessole's *de Ludo Scachorum*. Cessole, a Dominican friar who flourished at Rheims in the late 13th and early 14th centuries, treated the chess pieces as excuses for allegorical sermons on morality and courtly manners. Popular among clergy and laity *alike (chess was one of the* few pastimes in which both sexes could indulge together), an English translation was one of the first books to be published by Caxton, as *The Game and Playe of the Chesse* in 1474.

In the late 15th and 16th centuries the first important theoreticians of the game emerged *in Italy and Spain: Lucena*, Vicent, Damiano and Ruy Lopez, to be followed by Greco in the early 17th, perhaps the first professional. Philidor in the latter half of the 18th century moved the centre of chess literature *to France, where it re*mained until Howard Staunton wrote his *Chess Player's Handbook* in 1847. The first world champion, Wilhelm Steinitz, wrote his epoch-making *Modern Chess Instructor* (1889) in English. *Towards the end of the last* century, German became the most important language for chess — above all Siegbert Tarrasch's classics *Three Hundred Games of Chess* and *The Game of Chess*. Since 1945, Russian has always been *important, but has never seri*ously challenged English as the *lingua franca* of chess.

Today chess books tend to be impenetrable works on the openings. The 19th and early 20th centuries now appear as the golden age of chess books. *But the same may be true of* European literature in general. Perhaps old Father Jacopo was right: chess is indeed a mirror of the wider culture.

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Literary Editor



TOM STODDART

A young dancer enters into the festival spirit as the finishing touches are put to her make-up for the annual Notting Hill Carnival in London

Facing the music

Julia Llewellyn Smith on how success, both financial and social, has made the Notting Hill Carnival question its purpose

FOR 362 days each year, they eat linguini in truffle sauce and drink full-bodied Chilean red to the muted strains of opera. But this bank holiday, *residents of Notting Hill will be* drinking Red Stripe from the can, licking traces of ackee and jerk chicken from their fingers and watching their chandeliers sway to the rumble of steel bands. It's carnival time.

Forty years ago, Notting Hill, west London, was the province of slum landlords, *immigrants and the odd* beatnik, an underworld of coffee bars and jazz clubs, where rude boys in trilby hats played pinball and mothers hung out their washing in the street.

Today, however, Notting Hill is one of London's most gentrified zones. Norman Lamont, Tina Turner, Martin Amis, Denis Healey and Jason Donovan are just some of the people who have been attracted by the grand stucco-fronted houses and the atmosphere of polished Bohemianism. Dominic Devetta, a marketing manager looking for a house in the area, says: "The middle classes love to think they are rubbing shoulders with arty types. They like showing their friends that they are on first-name terms with the local drug dealer, but they also like living in a pretty house in what is really a very respectable area."

Darcus Howe, the television presenter, who chaired the carnival committee from 1976 to 1981, says: "The black people have been *pushed out into* council blocks on the outskirts. Bands in the carnival come from all over London, but only one or two are from Notting Hill today."

Just as the neighbourhood has cleaned up, however, so has the carnival. What began in the early 1950s *as a few immigrants homesick for the* Caribbean is now the largest carnival in the world after Rio. Last year, about two million people attended. Once portrayed as a jamboree for dope smokers, muggers and rioters, the carnival is now praised by establishment figures such as John Major, the Prince of Wales and Sir Peregrine Worsthorne. It is sponsored by BT. The only excuse to miss it is that you have taken a show to Edinburgh. The transformation is due largely to the work of the organising committee.

Notting Hill Carnival Enterprise Ltd (NHCEL) has worked to ease relations with the police and is making the event *less dependent on state grants by* attracting sponsorship. Claire Holder, a practising barrister who has chaired NHCEL for the past five years, says: "The carnival is a vehicle for black credibility. The authorities used to try to ban it, saying it was dangerous and costly, but we have shown we take *accountability very seriously.*"

As always, however, success has its detractors. Many long-standing residents complain that as the carnival has been commercialised, so it is losing its role as a voice of the Caribbean community and is becoming a prepackaged tourist attraction.

In the early days, the carnival was like a cry for release from a black community, shaken by the race riots of 1958 and desperately trying to fit in to a new society. Mr Howe recalls, in the carnival magazine, his embarrassment in 1966 when he came across 200 people "making music... with pans *around the neck. I wondered what do* they, the white people, think of us? Were we being the jungle bunnies they had accused us of being? Should it be the done thing to prance about in the rain chanting in a manner reminiscent of the old rum shop culture?"

Mr Howe is concerned that now the *carnival is an established part of the* calendar, tolerated by the authorities, a younger generation of blacks will forget the reason why they are partying. "The battle has been won to keep carnival, but when there was a struggle, people appreciated it more. If the knowledge of the struggle dies, *then carnival as it was conceived is also* in danger of dying," he says. "Aesthetically, it is at a standstill because the new generation isn't contributing what it has learnt in Britain."

The carnival is expanding to include music from all over the world, but Ms Holder is adamant it will remain a *black festival. "We have jazz from the* States, we have samba from Latin America — any black music is okay, but there will certainly be no pop."



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Judge Tumim missed the point — we all have the right to lounge about

The essential art of doing nothing



MARGOT NORMAN

This truth I hold to be self-evident: that every *man is, or hopes to be,* an idler. Even Judge Tumim, who was so appalled by the inactivity of *the inmates of* the Wolds remand prison, would agree with Dr Johnson. The most civilised and cultivated of men, the chief inspector of prisons is for ever chastising himself for his natural laziness, his fondness *for such idle pursuits as* collecting pictures and first editions of funny books by Wodehouse, Sterne and Peacock.

No doubt he scolds himself after every evening spent at the Garrick doing what he likes best, namely dining and talking. But one man's idle pleasure is another man's *tedium, or even "corrupting* apathy".

I remember meeting John McVicar once *at a Leftish* party and hearing in his voice precisely the tone of distressed puzzlement that was in Judge Tumim's description *of the Wolds* ("There is little work and much pottering about. They play a little pool and table tennis. *If the sun is* out, they bask. They doze a great deal."), and his head-shaking conclusion: "for many inmates it is a wholly acceptable way of *life*".

McVicar was being lionised at the time as the former Most Wanted criminal whose sociology degree and elegant prose style, both *acquired in prison, made him* living proof that rehabilitation works.

"Look at *these people*," he said, waving a tattooed arm round the dingy room. "They're just standing around in a cramped space, drinking filthy wine and ... *talking*. These people simply have no idea of how to enjoy *themselves*." What upset McVicar was that this was clearly, for the middle classes, a *wholly acceptable way of* having fun.

I see that McVicar's son has adopted the criteria for enjoyment of his pre-rehab dad, and is consequently in a spot of bother with the law. Well, that's one less for the Garrick's waiting list. The secretary there assures me that, although members can play *billiards ("Billiards that* is, not pool"), there are no facilities for table tennis and the true purpose of the club is ... well ... talk.

The trouble with lawyers is their addiction to incessant, meddlesome industry. It is unnatural and unhealthy. And they are so numerous! Imagine them as a squad of manic coiffeurs, painstakingly splitting every hair in the nation's head, and you will see not only that they need culling but also that they can *have no empathy with the* natural idleness of humankind.

Judges, being *high up the* scale of legal beavering, are the most purblind of all to the pleasures of the common man. If Judge Tumim, the Stephen Pile of the bench (who as a county court judge would shut up shop at lunch*time and go home to write* comic compilations of great legal fiascos,) can't see the point of pottering, what can we expect of the other wigged ones? Ask them where the next Hurricane Higgins is going to come from, if they *insist on the spoilsport line*, and they'll look down over their half-moons and enquire "Who, pray, is Hurricane Higgins?"

"Leisure and the cultivation of human capacities are inextricably interdependent," says Margaret Mead, with her man-as-ant anthropological perspective. His honour's *sentiments exactly. I am* alarmed to see that this essentially Protestant view of *the world is contaminating* even the Catholic church in Ireland, where Father Brendan Hoban has been complaining that there are too many priests with too little to do. He is communications officer of Killana Diocese, in Co. Mayo, a place whose loveliness I should have thought most conducive to pleasant ease.

Yet here he is moaning that it is impossible to get a game of golf on the clergy circuit, and that when they're not golfing, his fellow priests spend their time answering invitations to social functions, *breeding horses and scan*ning the death notices in the hope of finding a funeral to go to. *I do hope some of them* just stare into space. Was not the chap who said: "Sometimes I sits and thinks, and sometimes I just sits" a true *master of mystical medi*tation?

The other night I was *listening to Harold Wilson's* white heat of technology speech as reproduced in John Osborne's *Inadmissible Evidence* at the National Theatre, and caught phrases like "... purposive use of scientific progress to provide un*dreamed of living standards* and the possibility of leisure, ultimately on an unbelievable scale ..."

What most offended Judge Tumim about the Wolds, apart from the illicit hanky-panky under the tables in the visiting area, which he unsportingly put a stop to, and the availability of those pleasantly woozy-making *drugs that Coleridge found* such an aid to the imagination, was seeing the cell curtains still drawn at 11am. But were these men really dozing their lives away? Surely not. They were cultivating and extending the human capacity to dream of those living standards that Wilson could not even imagine in 1963. *For those now enjoying* leisure on what then seemed an unbelievable scale, whether at Her Majesty's pleasure or at the whim of the job *market, the ability to day*dream is definitely one to cultivate.

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Philip Howard



■ Shrinks have to have their jargon — but we need not all adopt it

On American television last night, the Duchess of York said that she had been in therapy since newspapers published photographs of her sun-bathing topless and having her toes kissed by her financial adviser. She let it all hang out and told the world where she was from: "It's really helped me, made me stop being so, quite so hard on myself. I'm very, very critical of myself. So it doesn't help when the press criticise too, because I, my poor self, gets battered." The duchess has evidently been doing some personality homework on her id, ego and superego, and understandably mixing up her grammatical personae.

Previous duchesses have also had their financial advisers and their problems, some of which have led to their losing not just their tops, but their heads. However, such openness about one's emotions is new, American and touchingly candid. When George Gershwin started psychoanalysis, Oscar Levant, who used to scoff at it, asked him, "Does it help your constipation, George?" Gershwin replied, "No, but I now understand why I have it."

Understanding what makes one tick is a life-long seminar, with no satisfactory bottom line. And if therapy is helping the duchess in her quest, Freud for her. The public obsession with her top line is more mysterious and also quite novel. Lely's pictures of the beauties at the Restoration court of Charles II show that three centuries ago the English thought bosoms jolly rather than shocking.

The Duchess of York's jargon of therapy is increasingly seeping into British English from across the Atlantic, and it is muddying the language. It takes any new science a century or so before its jargon settles down satisfactorily, and psychology, psychiatry and psychotherapy have so many warring sects and schools that it is going to take them longer. They need an analytic philosopher to fix their language for them. But would they ever accept his rulings?

Meanwhile the general public picks up the jargon and renders it useless by misunderstanding and imprecision. Nobody of any sensitivity uses "schizophrenic" any more to mean unable to make up one's mind, or "paranoid" to mean suspicious, or *déjà vu* to mean that something is boring because one has seen it before, or "neurotic" to mean sucking-one's-thumb anxious, as all good guys are, especially with an hour to go to deadline.

Richard Rosen defined the fast talk and quick cure of fashionable therapy in our era of feeling as *Psychobabble*. Marin County in California was its birthplace, but it has out-stations from New York to Hampstead. The jargon picked up terms from the new mind sciences and movements, cults and enthusiasms, and dropped them into everyday conversation in order to impress the audience, to give scientific verisimilitude to an otherwise bald and narcissistic narrative, to clothe mundane ideas with a top of scientific objectivity, and generally to inflate the egos and the language of its speakers. Perfectly sensible and good persons have fallen for this kind of mind-bending codswallop.

It goes in for mumbo-jumbo full of sounds of science, but signifying nothing: "polarity balancing, manipulation", "externalising internals", "meaningful interpersonal equilibrium". Parse and discuss. But not at length. A psychobabbler might seek "ego reinforcement through consciousness-raising by going where the energies are in my extrinsic peer group orientation".

On television last night, the duchess avoided Psychobabble, and seemed to have been reading George Orwell's elementary rules for good English, never using a long word where a short word would do, and never using a scientific or jargon word when she could think of an everyday English equivalent. To people who ask her if she goes to therapy, she replies, "Yeah, of course I do. I do two hours a week."

The only word of more than one syllable that she used was therapy itself, and that carries the old and subjective meaning of healing. The Duchess of York should stick to plain words, and keep quiet about both her therapy and her boobs. We all make them.



Music from the depths

Ignore the absurdities, the discomfort and the slovenly dress of the audience, and just listen to the sublime genius

Bernard Levin

I hadn't been in Vienna for some years, but I found nothing changed. For instance, there was a massive exhibition, "From Brueghel to Rubens", in the Kunsthistorisches Museum, and helpful signs everywhere suggested an itinerary that would get the best for the visitor: follow the numbers of the rooms on the list in the posted order. Unfortunately, more than half the rooms had no numbers on them, so it was literally impossible to use the helpful itinerary. Then again, at Schoñbrunn, there was a sign, in four languages, reading "At the moment there is no WC at the Gloriette available"; the sign had clearly been there for several years. Finally, in the Linz Tourist Office, I asked how I could get to Wilhering (it is five miles away) to see the mightiest of the rococo cathedrals; behind the counter the very polite agent made clear that he didn't know, couldn't find out, had never heard of a telephone. Yes, indeed, things had not changed; it is most appropriate that Austria's national motto is *Schlamperei beginnt hier*.

And what, you ask, was I doing in Vienna? I had come to listen to Wagner; please turn the page quietly.

Why do we do it? I don't mean why do we get into evening dress, bow-tied, stiff shirt and all, at half-past three in the afternoon — that just follows from the fact that if it started at a reasonable hour of the evening we would still be at it at breakfast the next day. (And while I'm about it, the men in the audience were an astonishingly slovenly lot. For *Rheingold* there weren't more than a dozen or so in black tie in the audience — your elegant correspondent had brought *three* dinner-jackets — and only as the week went on did the numbers climb, the wearers doubtless shamed into doing the right thing by my immaculate attire.)

I ask again: why do we do it? This time I don't mean why do we put up with the now usual rubbish for staging, though I would like to know; I would like it even more if somebody one day set fire to the latest botchery-butchery. This time, my heart sank as the Rhinemaidens turned out to be night-club hostesses, Alberich arrived in a bowler hat, Valhalla was a very large cardboard box, the Ride of the Valkyries took place *behind* sheets of filthy canvas, and so it went on, and goes on everywhere, the perpetrators thinking that they are daringly original, whereas they are invariably using the stalest cliches. The nonsense this time was the work of someone called Adolf Dresen, and by the end of the week I would certainly have preferred Adolf Hitler — who, to give him his due, was a deeply knowledgeable Wagnerian who would never have countenanced these tiresome absurdities. Unfortunately, Wagner's symbolism lends itself to the charlatans who mess about with Wagner's staging: because so much of it is metaphor, the poodle-fakers think that they need do nothing but build their own spurious metaphors, forgetting, of course, that they also need talent. Jeremy Isaacs has unveiled a magnificent programme for next season at Covent Garden — I have rarely seen such a spread — and has promised a *Ring* for the season after that; I now stake my claim to be the first sufferer urging him to engage a director who will stage the thing in a form that Wagner himself would recognise.

But why do we do it? Do you non-Wagnerians realise that *Das Rheingold*, the first of the four works that the *Ring* comprises, lasts for two and a half hours with no break of any kind (the only thing Wagner didn't write was silence)? And that is nothing compared to *Götterdämmerung*: there, the first act lasts two hours, and each of the other two acts notches up an hour and a quarter even with the briskest conductors. Interminable musical dialogues and arguments go on for hours on end, dragons and talking birds abound, fratricide and incest, love beyond imagining, redemption and forgiveness — these are the coin of the work, the smaller coins being the *leitmotivs*, which are heard scores — *hundreds* — of times. (Who was it who said with a terrible truth that Wagner's *leitmotivs* are like a madman at a party who keeps giving people his visiting-card?)

There is more. Potions of forgetfulness are served (O, that we could drink a gallon of it and wake up cured for ever from the disease called Wagner!); if we go to drink from the original spring at Bayreuth we sit in the most uncomfortable seats ever devised, and wherever we listen to the thing we come out at the end of the week drained physically, psychologically and morally, which is hardly surprising when for days on end, often *weeks*, we go about like zombies as the stuff goes round and round, deeper and deeper, and we can see no possibility of getting off.

But we don't want to get off. We are junkies who love our poison: however destructive it is, we cannot do without it, and we would be sorry to be cured.

The music, of course, is unique; there really is no other music that sounds even remotely like Wagner's. Those who rail against him without actually bothering to listen to him always give the game away by saying that yes, Wagner's music is powerful, but it is ugly. Well, some of it is indeed ugly; how else do you depict in music a hideous villain? But no composer who ever lived managed to offer music as pure as Wagner does in the "Forest murmurs" or the Rhinemaidens' first trillings or the love duet that ends *Siegfried*.

Then again, no other composer goes down into such dark and forbidden chasms in the earth, nor up into such blinding brightnesses in the sky. As I wrote those last words I could hear Hildegarde Behrens and Siegfried Jerusalem in the most passionate love-duet in all music, but unfortunately, I could not forget that these two are practically the only convincing singers of the roles left; so demanding is Wagner's work that fewer and fewer artists will take the monstrous, decades-long trouble to become Wagner singers. He predicted that, too: *ihrem Ende eilen sie zu*, says Loge, they are hurrying to their end.

The clue lies in the darkness of the opera-house, not the darkness of the music. I would bet Wotan's spear, Siegfried's sword and the Norns' rope that if any mad Intendant dared to stage the *Ring* with the house-lights up throughout, there would be a revolution. The darkness is necessary for us, necessary in a particular way, at least at the *Ring* and *Tristan*, and perhaps *Parsifal*, but not *The Mastersingers*. Let me explain.

Wagner is, in no metaphorical sense, dangerous. He liberates passions high and low, he breaks open doors that we try all our lives to keep shut, he tears bandages off ancient, unhealing wounds. Go to Wagner's *Ring* and at the end of the week you have had the equivalent of a year in the psychiatrist's chair. Go to *Tristan und Isolde* thrice, and you are lucky to be alive. I have gone to it some 30 times and I am still alive, as you see. But that is because I am a true Wagnerite, and long ago surrendered my subconscious to him: when he whistles for me, I come running. Others suffer, and do not understand where the suffering comes from: I can tell them —, it comes from Fafner and Erda and Donner and Froh and Hagen and Gunther (and Melot and Klingsor) who prowl around our most secret corners challenging us to face the truths that hurt so much. And that is why the lights go down as the conductor takes his place: because in the darkness we have only to grip the arms of our seats to know that, after all, we are in a playhouse not a prison, and these people singing on the stage are only imaginary figures conjured up by terrible genius, whereas if the auditorium was brightly lit we would look at our neighbours and shift uneasily, fearful to catch anyone's eye.

I have said before that there are more clergymen in an opera house on Wagner nights than when other composers are on the bill, and they are almost always alone. I do not find that strange, much less laughable: priests, too, have passions to wrestle with, and if they can do their wrestling vicariously in the safety of a dark theatre, good luck to them.

But that is why I exempt *The Mastersingers* from the dangers of Wagner: it is the one work of his that has no darkness in it. Stop and think about the light in *The Mastersingers*, which is no accident, nor mere scene-setting: starting in the church; then in Sachs's workshop, first when he is alone, then with the quintet, the most light-filled music ever written; and of course the whole of the last act. Only the one night scene is dark, and even that ends with the populace opening their windows and illuminating the streets with their lanterns.

So an opera house *could* play *The Mastersingers* in the light, for that infinitely glorious work, which ranks with *Fidelio* and *Figaro* and with no other music that uses words, is a benediction on all mankind, if all mankind would simply listen to it.

How do hospitals manage?

James Le Fanu on medical specialists and quality control

Pathology is the most precise of all medical disciplines. Patients' symptoms may be vague, wheezes in the chest heard through the stethoscope can have many causes, shadows on an X-ray can be confusing. But when the pathologist pulls up his chair, adjusts the lens on his microscope and looks down at the specimen magnified 100 times all should become clear.

It takes time to learn to do it well, but after a while, as with any skill, it becomes natural. What might look to anyone else like an anarchic jumble of shapes and colours, is readily recognised by the pathologist as a characteristic pattern of some disease: those with photographic memories, who can compare what they are seeing with a bank of mental images, are particularly adept. So why over the past four years has Dr Carol Starkie, a pathologist from the internationally famous Birmingham bone tumour unit, got it wrong not once or twice but 20 times, with devastating consequences? Patients with benign growths have been treated as if they have cancer and been subjected to long courses of chemotherapy.

Although 99 per cent of pathological diagnoses are straightforward, 1 per cent are very tricky. At this point the super specialist comes on the scene. Experience is crucial, so some pathologists develop a special expertise for very rare tumours. Dr Chris Fletcher, for example, of St Thomas's Hospital knows more than anyone else about soft tissue sarcomas. When he arrives for work in the morning, the first thing he does is pick up his post — ten or more boxes of slides from around the world.

The trickiest pathological diagnoses of all are with bone diseases. The local tissue tries to repair itself by generating fibrous matter within which new "repair" bone is laid down. The diagnosis rests on being able to distinguish "repair" bone from cancerous bone.

According to a consultant pathologist from Bristol, this can be so difficult as to be almost impossible. It is then absolutely essential that the pathologist, the surgeon and the radiologist get together to pool their expertise to reach a decision. If they cannot agree, it is necessary to perform another biopsy to take a larger piece of bone to examine.

It is possible now to grasp how things might have gone wrong in Birmingham. Dr Starkie suffers from multiple sclerosis, which leads to intellectual impairment of just the type of visual memory skills that are essential to reaching a correct diagnosis. Clearly, close co-operation with other colleagues is vital, but as the report published yesterday says, "A dogmatic and sometimes confrontational approach by the pathologist to discussions prevented adequate interaction . . . and there was resistance to seeking a second opinion." This, too, may have been related to Dr Starkie's illness.

Part of the problem is the professional solidarity of doctors, which discourages them from shopping colleagues who are not up to the job. Though most hospitals have a committee to deal with those whose competence is affected by illness.

But there is a wider issue at stake. Specialists units like the one in Birmingham are yet another casualty of the internal market in health fostered by government policy. The newly empowered managers, obsessed with "throughput" and "outcomes", look askance at the considerable funds required to deal with rare medical conditions that are very expensive (because of the expertise necessary).

As yesterday's report states, "The nature and special character of the bone tumour unit was not appreciated by the hospital management." From this perspective, the misfortune in Birmingham has been waiting to happen.

This lack of understanding threatens, for example, the future of Dr Fletcher, who has been told he is not cost-effective and must now charge for the authoritative opinion he used to give freely.

No news was good

MARTYN LEWIS is back from his summer holiday, and losing no time in resurrecting the good news versus bad news debate, this time at the Edinburgh Television Festival tomorrow. His hand appears stronger than ever before: he has had letters of support from the Prince of Wales and the Archbishop of Canterbury's office.

The lunchtime meeting at the BBC's Queen Street studios is not open to the public: Lewis will be judged by his peers, who will find a copy of his speech on each chair. With the only competition for attendance being an interview at the same time with *Sylvania Waters* stars Noelene and Laurie Donaher, Lewis is likely to be facing most of the BBC's great and good, including Alan Yentob, controller of BBC1, and John Birt, the director general.

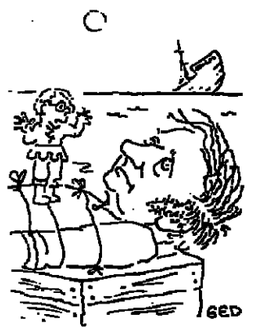
Lewis refused to discuss his messages of support from Lambeth and Buckingham palaces: "I never talk about private correspondence." But he admits that "since my speech has been read in detail, I have been getting support from very interesting places. The inaccuracies and distortions to my argument were incredible. All I am saying is that when we come to judge the journalistic priorities, we should weigh the positive against the negative."

Lewis is bouncing with confidence, perhaps because his arch-rival Jeremy Paxman will be otherwise engaged. "I have had several hundred letters in support — some from people who are extremely close to positions of power — and only about four against. Also there are some very senior people at the BBC who back me. I admit, there are others who think my argument is intellectually flawed. But I am certainly not afraid for my job."

Speaking up

AS A public relations man who has advised the highest in the land, Michael Shea, the Queen's former press secretary, can justifiably offer a tip or two on how best to present oneself to the public. Although the monarch would never have used such an oratorial prop, Shea turns his attention in this week's *Literary Review* to the soapbox — in a book review which the prime minister would do well to ignore.

Despite Major's election triumph, Shea declares in his review of *Scargill: The Unauthorised Biography* that we have entered an age of "political midgets". Arthur Scargill, he says, will be remembered as a giant in contemporary politics, for he has few rivals as an orator. "John Major and John Smith have shown they will never be able to use the soapbox," says Shea. "Scargill is one of the disappearing breed who could."



DIARY

Burnt-out case

THE DEPARTMENT of National Heritage is smarting over what it regards as an unreasonably vicious attack by the leader of Nottingham City Council, one John Taylor.

The rumpus is over a building, described by Taylor as a "eyesore", which has just been listed by the department. The listing comes just weeks after planning permission was granted to turn the 112-year-old textile mill, which is burnt out and derelict, into student flats. "We need this like a hole in the head. Making it a Grade II listed building means it is much more difficult and expensive to redevelop," argues Taylor.

Why then, asks the department, somewhat taken aback by Taylor's sharp tone, was English Heritage asked to advise the Secretary of State to list the building — by Nottingham City Council? John Taylor's answer is straightforward enough: "It's absolutely not true. We never asked them." Round two . . .

● *Kevin Anderson, tonight's star of Kurt Weill's* Street Scene *at the English National Opera, has for the first time met his namesake, the Kevin Anderson who is currently appearing in Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's* Sunset Boulevard. *The two American singers, who come from the same town — Gurnee, Illinois — and who are both 33 years old, enjoyed cocktails together in the West End. Drinking doubles, presumably.*

Safe secrets

THOSE were the days, before kiss and tell. The secrets of women workers at Bletchley Park, the British intelligence wartime codebreaking centre, were finally cracked yesterday at the launch of *Codebreakers: The Inside Story of Bletchley Park*.

"We had one woman who talked in her sleep. She was so frightened she gave up her job in case she gave away secrets," says Joy Broad, a former army intelligence officer who helped decipher some 4,000 German signals a day. "Even the cleaners were discreet and refused to peer at the contents of the rubbish bins."

Hugh Russell, Mrs Broad's first husband, who worked at Bletchley, knew about the invasion of Dunkirk some eight months before the engagement, but managed to keep it a secret from his wife. She in turn could not tell her children exactly what their father did until the day he died.

Unexterminated

THIS should be a time of joy for Jon Pertwee, who stars in a new five-part *Dr Who* series on Radio 5 today. Pertwee, though, is not a happy man. He is still smouldering with fury because a BBC television special to mark the 30th anniversary of *Dr Who* was scrapped last month after a squabble over which of the five surviving doctors should have most prominence.



Jon Pertwee and Elisabeth Sladen, back from the past

Though reluctant to discuss the squabble, he has hopes of reviving the programme. "I would like to resuscitate the project, but only when the people in charge are different." Pertwee may be in luck. Gary Russell, editor of *Dr Who Magazine*, says it is only a matter of time before the programme will appear on television again. "Alan Yentob and Charles Denton, the new head of drama, are fans, unlike their predecessors Jonathan Powell and Peter Cregeen. They realise it is classic British television and, more important, that it makes a lot of money overseas. Hopefully the radio series will keep it in people's minds."

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TROOPS ON THE TAKE

The UN's lack of effective controls damages peacekeeping

United Nations peacekeeping is excellent value for money, when compared with global defence spending or the financial and human costs of war. But it is developing a damaging reputation for extravagance and indiscipline. Most of the smallscale operations of the Cold War period met respectable standards of management and professional conduct, monitored in New York but with most decisions delegated to field commanders. Now, with tens of thousands of UN troops and supporting staff deployed in huge operations in Namibia, Cambodia, Somalia, Croatia, Bosnia and elsewhere, this cottage industry has abruptly become big business. The UN's 1993 peacekeeping budget will be 12 to 15 times that of 1989. With growth have come the UN diseases: runaway costs and weak management.

The tiny peacekeeping division at UN headquarters has only recently begun to man the desks outside office hours; the UN lacks a sound financial basis, command structure, or effective disciplinary and accounting systems. In the field, élite units now work alongside under-trained forces who may receive as little as a fifth of their official UN pay, their governments pocketing the rest. The mirror image of this official profiteering tends to be aid diversion or even gun-running by the country's troops. The UN seems powerless to prevent it. Discipline is hard to enforce when some commanders, such as General Bruno Loi in Somalia earlier this year, routinely refer orders to their capitals before carrying them out.

The latest allegations of black marketeering, prostitution and drug-dealing by UN troops in Sarajevo are all too familiar. In one sense, bribery is the name of the UN game in Bosnia, as convoys negotiate roadblocks. The habit has taken criminal hold. Worldwide, the UN's attitude to offenders is pragmatic to a fault. Sometimes the UN command inflicts punishment; sometimes the local police; sometimes the soldier's own government; sometimes nobody. In Cambodia, a UN soldier was recently court-marshalled for "losing" a single pistol; but the reaction of Yasushi Akashi, the mission's head, to soldiers' use of prostitutes — resulting in the introduction of Aids to Cambodia — was to defend the blue berets' right to "chase beautiful young beings of the opposite sex". In El Salvador, the UN lifted the immunity of a UN policeman caught by local police selling 55 pounds of cocaine. In Croatia earlier this year, by contrast, the UN called Moscow in to deal with two senior Russian UN officers who were not only taking bribes from Serbian guerrillas but were colluding with them to supply Croatian oil and UN diesel and to wink as they retrieved tanks and field guns from a UN depot. They were recalled but one of them, Colonel Viktor Loginov, resurfaced as a mercenary training Serbian guerrillas.

Effective UN military police to enforce a tough disciplinary code, working where possible in collaboration with local authorities but with clearly defined powers to take action where necessary within the UN command, are clearly imperative. But the problems do not end there. UN logistics are frequently chaotic, its procurement inexcusably profligate. On leaving Namibia, for example, the UN calmly "donated" $26 million worth of property to the government, including 1400 vehicles which could have been used for future operations. Auditing is primitive: for the $1.7 billion UN mission in Cambodia, only $120,000 was set aside for two internal UN auditors. The UN is belatedly being asked to explain the $2.5 million budget for laundering, tailoring and haircuts, the purchase of 8,044 vehicles in addition to those used by UN troops and several suspect cases of procurement.

The system depends on governments volunteering to put their troops in harm's way for causes beyond the narrow definition of national interest; despite the non-involvement of these UN troops in peace enforcement, more than 800 soldiers from over 40 countries have died in the field. Some degree of sensitivity therefore attaches to scrutiny of the management, budgeting and conduct of these operations. But effective scrutiny and deterrents to misconduct are imperative. It does grave damage to the cause of peace to have UN troops bracketed, as they are becoming in Sarajevo, with the criminal underworld of a city rendered anarchic by a siege which is already the world's shame.

MEDICAL MISTAKES

Professional etiquette must not come before patients' well-being

To undergo debilitating and possibly damaging treatment for an illness which would be otherwise incurable is an unpleasant experience. But to undergo it needlessly is intolerable. An unknown number of people seems to have been subjected to precisely that experience as a result of a series of misdiagnoses by the bone tumour service at Birmingham's Royal Orthopaedic Hospital.

The patients and their families who were directly affected will clearly be justified in seeking significant compensation. A great many more past and present patients have been caused serious anxiety, for which there will probably be no recompense. But it is easier to demand restitution than to decide what general lessons may be learned.

Since medical diagnosis relies on human judgment, it is never possible to rule out error. Medicine is an imperfect science. Doctors are fallible. Diagnosing cancer from small samples of tissue removed for biopsy is not a straightforward matter: it is a peculiarly problematic type of assessment, which is dependent not just on the skill of the pathologist but on the quality of samples prepared for examination. Referring every case for a second, or possible third, opinion would be impractical: not only would it be expensive but it would waste precious time in which treatment might have begun.

The diagnosing consultant who was apparently responsible for these errors, Dr Carol Starkie, would have been dependent on a team of medical personnel for efficient presentation of the material to be judged. Criticising her performance, as the interim review report from Birmingham Health Authority has done, was a necessary step — especially as she is reported as having had "a dogmatic and confrontational" approach to those who queried her work.

But the professional context in which she was operating must also be rigorously examined. She may well have been a difficult person to challenge, but doctors' personalities and characters vary as much as anyone else's. This can provide no excuse for those doctors who distrusted her judgment but failed to report their doubts to the health authorities, whose business it is to safeguard the interests of patients.

The only check on personal error or dogmatism in medical treatment is the constant vigilance of experienced colleagues. Labour party health spokesman, Dawn Primarolo, has suggested that the government's market-based reforms of the health service made it more difficult for doctors at the Royal Orthopaedic to alert health authorities of their suspicions about Dr Starkie. But the professional etiquette that militates against doctors casting aspersions on one another's competence existed long before the current changes in NHS management. The public needs to be reassured that such loyalty does not take precedence over the well-being of patients.

NO FURTHER

Mr Patten has many more questions still to answer

John Patten, apparently revived after his recent illness, made an inauspicious return to the airwaves yesterday. Responding to the unprecedented squeeze on university places in a radio interview, he offered little to comfort the bright teenagers who feel cheated of the university education promised to them by the government.

Last week's rush for admission will leave many thousands frustrated — a fact that follows directly on the education secretary's own decision last December to reduce funding for humanities courses by £550 per student. School-leavers with high A-level results who did not secure a university place in the clearing month could always go to a further education college, Mr Patten said. His praise of these 350 institutions, which were recently released from local authority control, was entirely justified and an unusual instance of ministerial interest in the further education sector. But it was quite wrong of Mr Patten to suggest that the role of further education colleges is to offer a refuge to university rejects.

Further education concentrates upon vocational courses — notably teacher training — and upon GCSEs and A levels for those who have already left school. Although some further education colleges do indeed offer degree courses, these tend to have a strongly vocational character. There is no reason why a disappointed candidate for a university place in English literature or history should be remotely interested in the education secretary's suggested alternative. Mr Patten seemed less concerned by the shortage of arts places than by the lack of demand for science courses. The ministerial mantra that more science graduates are essential to the nation's future has yet to be explained; but even if this concern is justified, limiting access to arts courses will not make science A levels and degree courses any more attractive to school pupils. Having created a higher education marketplace, the government should not try to rig it.

Most alarming was Mr Patten's refusal to address the deeper structural problems that underlie this summer's admissions crisis. University expansion will continue to be thwarted by the necessary restraint of public expenditure, unless the funding of higher education is overhauled to enable students to contribute more in a fair and well-organised way. The government's blindness to this obvious mismatch is mystifying.

This week's record-breaking GCSE results will encourage even more children to sit A levels and seek places on degree courses. As vice-chancellors have consistently warned, the universities are simply unable to meet this increase in demand. Unless fresh funds are found, thousands of well-qualified school-leavers will be denied higher education, and this summer's embarrassments will become an annual ritual. By evading this fundamental problem, Mr Patten is merely storing up problems for himself.

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A-level results: better students or falling standards?

From the Secretary General of the Associated Examining Board

Sir, In 1951, when A levels began, no one had ever reached the peak of Mount Everest. Only 3.1 per cent of teenagers sat A levels then (leading article, August 19). Many, of course, went directly into employment.

Earlier this year more than 30 people climbed Mount Everest — on the same day. Improved equipment, new techniques, greater knowledge and improved standards generally have been responsible for this miraculous advance.

Similarly, in education academic standards have improved. The chances of obtaining a first-class honours degree have increased by 50 per cent since the early 1980s. More students are passing vocational examinations than ever before and more are gaining the equivalent of the old O-level pass in the highly successful and motivating GCSE examination.

The A-level and the GCSE examinations are second to none in terms of quality control and are monitored rigorously by government agencies.

It is pleasing that more young people are scaling the highest peaks. The examining boards are charged with ensuring that the standard required to gain a particular grade does not vary from year to year. Our reputations depend upon it.

If more A-level students get higher grades it is because they have performed better. No "sleight of hand", as your leader alleges, or attempt to increase our market share plays any part in our procedures.

Yours faithfully,
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August 24.

From the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals

Sir, Your concern at the reduced opportunities for A-level candidates wishing to study for degrees in arts and social sciences ("Levels of anxiety", leading article, August 25) rightly concludes that the cause of the problem was the decision by the education secretary to reduce the fee levels for such courses by £550 per head *and* to require universities to postpone the expansion process which has been so dramatic in recent years.

This combination of constraints on universities has produced the present difficult situation, with a greater number of candidates having better A-level grades chasing the same number of places in these subject areas.

The moves by the government last December were clearly financially driven. The period of "consolidation" — the term used by Mr Patten to describe the policy of putting further expansion on hold — is scheduled to last for a further two years, after which expansion is to be resumed towards the target of university education for one in three school-leavers by the end of the decade. But the government has given no indication of how this further expansion (which would be around 25 per cent) would be funded, except to make noises about further "efficiency gains".

In this context, your recommendation that a review of funding for higher education should now take place is very timely and one which university vice-chancellors will fully support. Indeed, only last week, this committee published a report describing the financial consequences for students, universities and government of the several possible schemes which you identify.

It is vital that, as a matter of urgency, we face the question of how the funding of higher education, and in particular the further expansion which all now anticipate, can be achieved.

Failure will mean either that expansion will not take place, with the consequential disappointment of a very large number of students and a great loss of talent, or that it happens on the cheap, with the inevitable consequence of decline in our high standard of higher education.

Yours faithfully,
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From Councillor Peter Perryman

Sir, As your leading article of August 19 pointed out, in 1951 some 3 per cent of Britain's 18-year-olds took A levels with a pass rate of 70 per cent. Today 32 per cent of that age group manage to achieve 80 per cent passes.

Many in the educational establishment would have us believe that teenagers are some 12 times better educated now under comprehensive education than they were in 1951 under grammar and direct-grant schools. They are sadly misguided.

A national newspaper this year printed a science question from an A-level paper that four years ago had appeared as an O-level question. The decline in pupil numbers opting for science and mathematics is easily explained by the fact that such subjects are more difficult than arts subjects. The answers are either right or wrong; waffle will not suffice.

My teachers at an elementary school in the 1940s all had to have School Certificate passes in mathematics and English before being admitted to teacher training. As a school governor I have recently interviewed candidates for deputy headships of primary and secondary schools who possessed neither subject.

A growing number of school-leavers are virtually unemployable, and teachers and educationists must take a great part of the blame.

Yours etc,
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Enfield, Middlesex.
August 24.

From Mr Joe Ruston

Sir, Your report of August 21, headlined "Scramble for universities grows frantic" (later editions), correctly identifies two causes of the chaos facing those attempting to gain admission to higher education: cuts in government funding and a rise in the number of candidates achieving high A-level grades.

Whilst I understand the purpose, if not the timing, of the government's decision to cut tuition fees for arts courses, I can see no justification for allowing the percentage of high grades to increase.

It is just possible that academic standards are actually rising but, even if that is the case, allowing the percentage of A, B and C grades to rise simply makes it harder for university admissions staff to use A-level results as a means of selecting applicants.

As the chairman of a group of independent sixth-form colleges, I believe that it is time for the adoption of a system under which the percentage of candidates achieving each grade is fixed in advance, regardless of the standards achieved in any given year. That would allow those of us who work in education to have at least one point of reference on which we could rely.

Yours faithfully,
JOE RUSTON
(Chairman),
Mander Portman Woodward,
24 Elvaston Place, SW7.
August 22.

From Miss Sarah Soul

Sir, As a student who sat the A-level exams in the summer, I agree with Mr J. R. Palmer (letter, August 24) about the unfairness of our being the last to learn about our results.

I am one of the apparent majority who have chosen to study for an arts degree. After I had waited in trepidation, the media informed me, three days before D-Day as you unkindly called it (Education headline, August 16), that it would be much harder to gain places, that courses for which offers had been made had been closed and that thousands of students would not be getting places.

Would it not have been more sensible to wait until we had received our results before speculating on the shortage of places — if only out of compassion for students whose nerves were already in tatters?

Yours sincerely,
SARAH SOUL,
Trevenevow, Crapstone Road,
Yelverton, Devon.

Schizophrenia in minority groups

From Dr T. J. Crow

Sir, Simon Wessely ("Is this a racist diagnosis?", Body and Mind, August 19) regales us with an impressive list — poverty, unemployment, poor housing, living in the inner city and family breakdown — of possible contributions to the excess of schizophrenia he discerns in the immigrant Afro-Caribbean population. But is the excess real?

A substantial and well controlled World Health Organisation study (*Psychological Medicine*, suppl 20, 1992) reported that the incidence of schizophrenia does not differ across wide variations in geography and culture: "schizophrenic illnesses are ubiquitous, appear with similar incidence in different cultures and have clinical features that are more remarkable by their similarity across cultures than by their difference".

This sober appraisal suggests that Dr Wessely's conclusion that the "excess of schizophrenia in Afro-Caribbeans is genuine", apparently based on local and as yet poorly controlled (particularly in relation to the age distribution of the disease) studies, may be premature.

A link with influenza, to which Dr Wessely refers, is very doubtful. Dr D. J. Done and I have documented the rates of schizophrenia in the children of mothers who were pregnant in the 1957 influenza epidemic (*British Journal of Psychiatry* 161, 1992). We found that 945 mothers who suffered from influenza in the second (putatively critical) trimester of pregnancy had three children who later suffered from schizophrenia by the age of 28 years, a figure identical with that predicted in mothers not so exposed and also with population expectation.

Yours sincerely,
T. J. CROW,
Clinical Research Centre,
Division of Psychiatry,
Watford Road, Harrow, Middlesex.
August 20.

From Dr Roland Littlewood

Sir, Before the Department of Health reaches any conclusion about suspected high rates of schizophrenia in the British-born children of West Indian immigrants, it might recall that the migrating Afro-Caribbean generation itself has rates of schizophrenia up to five times the white British rate — a pattern of illness which starts within a few years of arriving in Britain.

High rates of schizophrenia are found among minority groups elsewhere: among the Irish in Britain (and Ireland), among the New Zealand Maori, among non-white South Africans, among Native Americans and Native Australians.

Now, what do their groups have in common? A virus? Or some less tangible but possibly less elusive set of social and political circumstances?

Yours etc,
ROLAND LITTLEWOOD
(Director),
Centre for Medical Anthropology,
University College London,
Gower Street, WC1.
August 19.

From Dr S. P. Sashidharan

Sir, Suggestions that the apparent excess of schizophrenia amongst Afro-Caribbeans in this country can be explained in terms of viruses that affect the brains of black babies while still in their mothers' wombs, leading to behavioural problems some 20 years later, are at best highly speculative. So are suggestions that it could be linked to the alleged extensive drug abuse amongst young black men.

Such suggestions are on a par with earlier, but now discredited, speculations on black children's underachievement in the educational system as due to lead pollution or some other biological cause.

Psychiatric practices which continue to label large sections of the black community as dangerous and sick, facilitating their long-term incarceration in secure psychiatric facilities, require careful scrutiny. Fundamental questions need to be raised about the nature of madness and what is happening to a new generation of black people growing up in this country.

By arguing that the problem is one of yet another ethnic disease Dr Wessely is sadly missing the point.

Yours faithfully,
S. P. SASHIDHARAN,
The University of Birmingham,
Department of Psychiatry,
All Saints Hospital, Lodge Road,
Birmingham 18.
August 20.

Green failure

From Mr Martin Lowry

Sir, In the series "Farming and the countryside" Michael Hornsby refers to our institution's reservations about agricultural set-aside (August 19).

Despite the minister of agriculture's claim of a "green dividend", we doubt that long-term environmental benefits will ever come from rotational set-aside. It is a fundamentally negative system which is failing even to achieve its stated purpose of significantly reducing output. Farmers face no restriction on production levels from the acreage they continue to use, so are under pressure to intensify yields through even greater use of chemicals. Indeed, we know of many cases where the total cereal output from farms following the introduction of set-aside has remained constant or, in some cases, actually increased.

Set-aside has been a dismal failure in the United States, and we do not believe it will work any better in the UK. If the EC is serious about reducing agricultural production — and bringing the common agricultural policy into line with the real world — it will have to look at other means, including the introduction of cereal quotas.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN LOWRY
(Chairman, Rural Market Panel),
The Royal Institution of
Chartered Surveyors,
12 Great George Street, SW1.
August 23.

Economic solutions

From Dr Denis MacShane

Sir, I read with enjoyment Anatole Kaletsky's evocation of the 1930s as a splendid decade when economies and employment boomed as a result of the collapse of gold standard monetarism (Economic View, August 19).

Somewhere in his article I looked for a reference to political developments in the 1930s which came about as a result of competitive devaluations, trade barriers and a comprehensive failure to coordinate economic and social policies internationally.

However, the words Hitler, Franco, Mussolini or Japanese militarism do not appear in his article, whose sub-heading offers the terrifying promise that "History will repeat itself".

Unemployment in the United States in 1941 stood at 15 per cent and the development which really brought about the change in public opinion in favour of full employment was the second world war.

The reform of capitalism that took place after 1945 ushered in the period of growth that Kaletsky celebrates but at its core lay currency stability and rules that ensured money was not left to the mercy of the market.

Now those rules have gone and everywhere a "me-first" economics obtains. Mr Kaletsky welcomes all this. I wish I could.

Yours truly,
DENIS MacSHANE
(Acting Director),
European Policy Institute,
19 Acfold Road, SW6.

From Mr Gordon Connelly

Sir, I differ from Dr Keith Hampson, MP (letter, August 21), in suggesting that the only sensible way to increase revenue is to raise the three income tax rates, not just the top rate. This would ensure that those best able should pay and those least able should not. The failure of this government to accept its mistakes and reverse its policies is deplorable. Such obstinacy is at the expense of the poorly paid, unemployed and pensioners.

If the policies reported in the last few issues of *The Times* are implemented, coupled with a refusal to reverse the decision to impose VAT on fuel, they may well cost the Conservative party the next election.

With the economy in a mess, we cannot afford political issues dictated by the party's so-called right wing. Commercial considerations must take precedence over political dogma.

I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,
GORDON CONNELLY,
A. J. Connelly & Co,
Clare, Cold Ash, Newbury, Berkshire.
August 21.

Drink-drive policy

From Police Sergeant Ben R. Frank

Sir, Drink-driving (letters, August 17, 24) is an offence punishable by imprisonment, thus empowering police to take the fingerprints and photograph of the offender. This power is nothing new, just rarely used.

The photograph, of course, assists the police with identification in cases where the offender drives whilst disqualified.

Yours faithfully,
BEN R. FRANK,
76 Richmond Road,
Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire.
August 25.

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Streets apart

From Mr Noël Johnson

Sir, "Passing attractions" (August 17), featuring St Ives, Cornwall, mentions "a silly song, starting, 'When I was going to St Ives . . .'" Silly or not, the St Ives was the one in Huntingdonshire, now Cambridgeshire.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
NOËL JOHNSON,
218 St Margaret's Road,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
August 17.

From Mr G. H. Yeoman

Sir, Godrevy lighthouse, off St Ives, may be "widely believed" to be that of Virginia Woolf's *To the Lighthouse*, but those who have actually read the novel may differ. At the end of a marathon sentence of 179 words, the scene is specifically set on the Isle of Skye.

Yours faithfully,
G. H. YEOMAN,
Crowden Lea, Upper Booth,
Edale, Derbyshire.
August 17.

Diseased ash trees

From Dr David Frean

Sir, The weeping ash tree in our front garden suffered in recent years from the malaise described by your correspondents (August 10, 20) in Suffolk and Surrey. In the spring, it would put out a good flush of leaves, only to shed them again after about three weeks, leaving it looking mangy and unkempt.

The cure came from a young garden centre assistant straight out of horticultural college. When I described the symptoms, he said "leaf drop", fished out a text book from under the counter, and prescribed sulphate of potash. We now apply a dressing of this around the tree every spring before the leaves come out. There has been no more leaf drop and some of the new shoots this year are more than 6ft long.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID FREAN,
28 Woodfields Drive,
Lichfield, Staffordshire.
August 21.

All the trimmings

From Mr Martin Page

Sir, Your leader (August 21) suggests that the Portuguese will serve Mr Major his favourite vegetable, cabbage, "like everything else they eat there, with cod and olive oil".

This is a calumny. In Portugal, as the prime minister may be pleased to find, we eat our cabbage boiled with blood sausage and pig's snout and trotter, sometimes preceded by an hors-d'oeuvre of cold pig's ear vinaigrette.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN PAGE,
Casa Na Sra do Cabo,
Azoia,
2710 Sintra, Portugal.
August 23.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

August 26: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation, left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning for Prague, the Czech Republic.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr Gerhard Berger, racing driver, 34; Sir Donald Bradman, cricketer, 85; Sir Hugh Byatt, diplomat, 66; Sir Stewart Crawford, diplomat, 80; Lord Dormand of Easington, 74; the Earl of Eglinton and Winton, 54; Lady Antonia Fraser, writer, 61; Mr D.M. Hart, trades unionist, 53; Mr Michael Holroyd, author, 58; Sir Alexander Johnston, former chairman, Board of Inland Revenue, 88; Mr Bernhard Langer, golfer, 36; Mr John Lloyd, tennis player, 39; Lord Marks of Broughton, 73; Mr James Molyneaux, MP, 73; Viscount Rothermere, 68; the Right Rev Richard Rutt, 68; Mother Teresa, missionary, 83; Mr Andy Turnell, jockey, 45; Mr Derek Warwick, racing driver, 39; Lieutenant-General Sir John Watts, 63.

Mrs Susan Varah

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Susan Varah, OBE, Central President of the Mothers' Union 1970-1976, will be held at Southwark Cathedral at 11.15am on Wednesday, September 15, 1993. If you would like to attend, please notify Linda White, Mothers' Union, 24 Tufton Street, SW1P 3RB (Telephone 071-222 5533).

Luncheon

The Park Tower Luncheon Club

The Park Tower Luncheon Club held a luncheon yesterday in Restaurant 101 Knightsbridge at The Sheraton Park Tower Hotel. Mr Derek Picot, General Manager, and Miss Jaqueline McCouat were the hosts and the guests were Lady Colin Campbell, Mr Trevor McDonald, Mr Michael Cole, Mr George Baker, Viscount Marchwood and Miss Shirley Eskapa.



DENZIL MCNEELANCE

Alan Stripp, left, and Sir Harry Hinsley, veteran codebreakers, with the machine they managed to outwit, a German Enigma encoder

Codebreakers reveal secrets of enigmatic past

BY ALAN HAMILTON

QUITE a few codes were cracked yesterday, and much disinformation put to rights, when former members of the Bletchley Park wartime codebreaking centre held a reunion in London to celebrate publication of a new book about their secretive but hugely successful attempts to eavesdrop on the enemy.

The invitation to attend had been published in a national newspaper, in code. The party at the Imperial War Museum was, however, remarkably well attended. "A simple letter substitution; I cracked it immediately," said Mr George Davies, a former cryptanalyst who worked on the Enigma machine.

What has passed into folklore about the Buckinghamshire mansion where German, Japanese and Italian secret codes were unravelled throughout the war, is that a group of mathematicians, chess-players and crossword solvers invented the Ultra machine and thereby outwitted the German Enigma encoding machine, while being kept virtual prisoners and allowed no contact with the outside world or with each other.

Like much folklore, the accepted version of events is wide of the truth. For a start, they all appear to have had a great deal of fun.

"Bletchley Park was like a university populated only by graduate students," said Sir Harry Hinsley, the retired vice-chancellor of Cambridge University who was plucked from his history studies at the age of 20. "We came from all disciplines, and lived the anarchic life of students, with no shortage of parties and courting. But it was very hard work, hours of drudgery enlivened by moments of excitement every morning when we broke the Germans' ever-changing daily code."

Alan Stripp, another retired Cambridge academic and former codebreaker, further demolished the myth. "There was no Ultra machine which single-handedly cracked Enigma. And we were not the first; Enigma was invented in 1919 and by 1932 Marian Rejewski, a brilliant young mathematician from Krakow University in Poland, had cracked it. Unfortunately the Germans subsequently refined the machine, giving it many more encoding possibilities."

And then there was Fish, an infinitely more sophisticated encoding device. "Enigma had 159 million million million possible combinations. Multiply that number by 26 to the power of nine, and you have the possible number of combinations that the Fish machine could create," Mr Stripp said. The denizens of BP defeated Fish with the help of engineers from the Post Office, who built the world's first programmable computer, named Colossus, which number-crunched its way daily through the encoded German radio traffic and, generally, yielded the answers.

Decoding work is drudgery. Bletchley Park predicted the Nazi invasion of Russia only by painstakingly translating mundane message traffic from the German railways, and noticing a large number of requests for heavy wagons to travel east.

At the height of its activities, Bletchley Park employed 7,000 people, including 2,000 Wrens on dull clerical work. "We were the donkeys who served the brains," Diana Payne, 73, said. "We were all committed to secrecy. Even my own parents did not know what I was doing."

☐ *Codebreakers* by F.H. Hinsley and Alan Stripp (OUP; £17.95)

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.R. Bacon and Miss K.M. Holland
The engagement is announced between Andrew Roy, only son of Mr and Mrs Roy Bacon, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and Kathleen Marie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Daniel Holland, of Hingham, Massachusetts, USA.

Mr B.J. Curtis and Miss C.M. McKay
The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place shortly, between Mr Benedict James Curtis, youngest son of Sir Richard and Lady Curtis, of Tarrington, Hereford, and Miss Catriona Margaret McKay, elder twin daughter of Mr and Mrs William McKay, of Littlebury Green, Essex.

Mr M.W. de Villiers and Miss E.C.S. Young
The engagement is announced between Matthew, elder son of Professor and Mrs John de Villiers, of Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, and Elspeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Young, of Bournemouth, Dorset.

Mr P.A. Diagemans and Miss M.A. Smithers
The engagement is announced between Piers, youngest son of Rear Admiral and Mrs Peter Dingemans, and Melanie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Smithers.

Mr M.D. Haycock and Miss M.E. Kinnear
The engagement is announced between Marcus David, son of Mr and Mrs D.F. Haycock, of Burntwood, Staffordshire, and Miranda Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs I.A.C. Kinnear, of Brenchley, Kent.

Mr R.J. King and Miss J.L. Brooker
The engagement is announced between Robert John, son of Mrs Eileen King, of Exmouth, Devon, and Jane Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Brooker, of Little Easton, Essex.

Mr T. King and Miss C.A. Jones
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Timothy King, of Easter Langlee, Galashiels, and Camilla, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Jones, of Biddenham, Bedford.

Mr M.R.A. Miller and Miss N.F.A. Christie
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Miller, of Lagos, Nigeria, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Brian Christie, of Worminghall, Buckinghamshire.

Mr D.J. Nichols and Miss G.F. Hunter
The engagement is announced between Desmond John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Nichols, of Rottingdean, Sussex, and Gina Fiona, youngest daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs Donald Hunter, of Oliver's Battery, Hampshire.

Mr C. Pugh and Miss E.J. Kiely
The engagement is announced between Crispin, son of the late Mr and Mrs Crispin Pugh, and Elizabeth Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Kiely, of Bromley, Kent.

Mr B.E. Reeve and Miss C.C. Boucher
The engagement is announced between Ben, son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Reeve, of Tatsfield, Kent, and Clare, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Boucher, of Newnham, Kent.

Mr M.R.J. Sime and Miss L.E. Rennie
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs R.M. Sime, of Perth, and Lorraine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Rennie, of Sutton, Surrey.

Mr C.D.J. Watson and Miss H.E. Castle
The engagement is announced between Craig, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Watson, of Locking, Avon, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Castle, of Kew, Surrey.

Marriages

Corporal K. Gouge, RE and Miss P. Higgins
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 21, 1993, at St Columba's Church, Wideopen, Newcastle upon Tyne, of Corporal Kevin Gouge, youngest son of Mr T. Gouge and the late Mrs H. Gouge, to Pauline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Higgins.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Mrs C. Malpas, Miss K. Hudson and Miss J. Gouge. Mr J. Prenelle was best man.

Mr S. Hall and Miss N.H.E. Burton
The marriage took place on July 31, at Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, of Stuart, only son of George and Isabel Hall, of Hexham, Northumberland, to Nancy, youngest daughter of Michael and Antoinette Burton, of Gerrards Cross.

Mr R.L. Nicol and Miss F. Warlow-Harry
The marriage took place on August 26, at Chelsea Old Church, of Randall Lewis Nicol, son of Colonel John Nicol, of Ballogie, Aberdeenshire, and of the late Mrs Nicol, and Felicity Warlow-Harry, daughter of the late Major Christopher Warlow-Harry and of Mrs Warlow-Harry, of Michaelstow, Cornwall.

Mr D.O.W. Wynne and Dr C.L.M. Harper
The marriage took place on August 14, at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden, of Mr Davydd Wynne and Dr Catherine Harper.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Georg Wilhelm Hegel, philosopher, Stuttgart, 1770; Theodore Dreiser, novelist, Terre Haute, Indiana, 1871; Samuel Goldwyn, film producer, Warsaw, 1882; Eric Coates, composer, Hucknall, Nottinghamshire, 1886; C.S. Forester, novelist, Cairo, 1899; Man Ray, photographer, painter and film maker, Philadelphia, 1890; Lyndon B. Johnson, 36th American President 1963-69, Stonewall, Texas, 1908.

DEATHS: Titian, painter, Venice, 1576; Lope de Vega, dramatist, Madrid, 1635; James Thomson, poet, Richmond, Surrey, 1748; John Henry Foley, sculptor, London, 1874; Eugene Fromentin, painter and novelist, La Rochelle, 1876; Sir Rowland Hill, originator of the penny post, London, 1879; Louis Botha, 1st prime minister of South Africa 1910-19, Pretoria, 1919; Le Corbusier (Charles-Edouard Jeanneret), architect, 1965; Dame Ivy Compton-Burnett, novelist, London, 1969; Haile Selassie, emperor of Ethiopia 1930-36 and 1941-74, Addis Ababa, 1975; Louis Mountbatten, 1st Earl Mountbatten of Burma, assassinated by the IRA, Donegal Bay, 1979.

Over 30,000 people were killed when the volcano Krakatoa in Indonesia erupted, 1883.

Saleroom hit

A rare double-sided acetate of the Beatles' only known professional recording at the Cavern Club, Liverpool in 1962, sold for £16,500 at Christie's in London yesterday. The songs "Some Other Guy" and "Kansas City" were taped during a lunchtime session.

Submariners pay respects to last of nautical breed

THE "silent service" yesterday bid farewell to an old friend as a Royal Navy submarine returned to her home port for the last time before being decommissioned.

HMS *Opossum*, the last of the navy's diesel-electric powered Oberon class submarines, was the final boat to operate from the navy's *Dolphin* base at Gosport, Hampshire. On her farewell journey, the 68 crew went to diving stations and the klaxon sounded as the 295ft submarine slipped beneath the waves of the Channel.

The *Opossum* dived to 90ft about 20 miles off the Isle of Wight and carried out a demonstration attack, tracking a passing merchant ship and simulating a torpedo blast. The *Opossum*, which entered the submarine service in 1964, is the last of 13 of her class in the navy.

As she cut through the waves back to Gosport, her commander, John Drummond, said: "I will certainly miss her, but she has reached retirement age." He said the most memorable point of his time on board had been a recent visit to northern Russia. "The submarine was built at the time of the Cuban missile crisis and I have spent most of my time in the Navy when the Cold War was in progress. It was incredible to be visiting Russia."

HMS *Dolphin* will now become a training establishment for submarine personnel.

Writer dismisses tales of Baldwin's mistress

BY BILL FROST

SPECULATION linking Stanley Baldwin to a mystery widow and a secret Cotswolds home was yesterday dampened by the biographer of the famously strait-laced prime minister.

The puzzle unfolded when Tony Burrows, a chartered accountant from Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, dug out the deeds for the sale of his house. Much to his surprise he found the property was once jointly owned by Baldwin and a Lucy Isaac.

As unworthy suggestions were made yesterday that the former prime minister might have enjoyed an extra-marital dalliance with the widow, Baldwin's biographer came to his defence. Professor Keith Middlemas, writer of the definitive biography with John Barnes, said: "The mistress theory is improbable to the point of total disbelief. Certainly Mrs Baldwin, to whom he was married for 52 years, was a bit of an old bat and their's was no passionate relationship. But, as for affairs, he simply wasn't that sort of man."

The conveyancing details on the picturesque property show that Baldwin and the widow owned the 18th-century seven-bedroom house between 1922 and 1932.

Baldwin, prime minister in 1923-24, 1924-29 and 1935-37, was described by contemporaries as a man with little tolerance for the shortcomings of others. In 1936 he forced the abdication of King Edward VIII over the monarch's affair with Wallis Simpson.

Richard Hurley, the estate agent for the property, said:



Baldwin: "Simply not a man for affairs"

"We understand Baldwin never actually lived in the house. He bought it jointly with a lady called Mrs Lucy Isaac, but we don't know who she was or why they bought it jointly."

The third Lord Baldwin of Bewdley, the late prime minister's grandson, said at his Oxfordshire home: "I'm sorry to say I have no information which could shed light on this. I wish I had."

Professor Middlemas, who has no intention of writing an addendum on the "affair" to update his 1,100-page biography, yesterday put forward a couple of theories aimed at resolving the mystery.

"Mrs Isaac could have been someone he owed a favour to after service with the family firm. She might have been a childhood sweetheart who had been widowed during the first world war.

"Then again, as we don't know the lady's maiden name, she might also have been a member of the family. But the idea she was Baldwin's mistress is just out of the question."

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And the large congregation who heard Jesus asked in amazement, "Where does he get it from? What is this wisdom he has been given? How does he perform such miracles?"
St. Mark 6 : 2

BIRTHS

ANDERSON - On August 17th, to Fiona (née Burns) and Clive, a daughter, a sister for Olivia.

BURKIN - On August 17th, to Kate (née Taylor) and Anthony, a beautiful daughter, Eleanor Rose.

DIXON - On 24th August to Matthew and Maria in Hong Kong, a daughter, Anna Elisabeth.

HUTCHINSON SMITH - On August 24th, to Belinda (née Gurney) and Rupert, a son, William Giles, a brother for Hugh and Nicholas.

LEWIS - On August 20th, to Elizabeth and Ralph, a son, Charles Alexander Francis.

LYLE - On August 24th at Crawley Hospital, to Susan (née Watson) and David, a son, Arthur, brother to George and Alice.

MURRAY - On August 23rd, to Callum and Angela, a son, George St. Clair.

PHIPPS - On August 24th at Bethesda Spital Basel, Switzerland, to Sarah (née Golding) and Julian, a daughter, Sophie Louise

RENFER - On August 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Thomas and Fionuala (née O'Rourke), a beautiful daughter, Molly, a sister for Sean and Neal.

ROBERTS - On 24th August, to Judith (née Reynolds) and James, a daughter, Matilda Mary Grace.

SUMMERS - On 23rd August, to Harriet (née Anstruther) and Hamish, a daughter, Celestia Nell Campbell.

TAYLOR - On August 22nd, Jo-Frances (née Agate) and Martin, a daughter, Daisy Eve Faraday.

TIDBURY - On 26th August, to Alexandra (née Deahon) and Hugh, a son.

DEATHS

BECKER - Mary, on 20th August at St Charles', aged 85. Dear mother of Robin and Timothy. Funeral at The West London Crematorium on Tuesday 31st August at noon. Flowers to Nodes & Sons, 181 Ladbroke Grove, Kensington.

BERTUZZI - On August 22nd, in Malta, Luca, beloved son of Roberto and Virginia and dearly loved brother of Patrizia. Funeral Service on Wednesday September 1st strictly private. Flowers and enquiries to Rowland Bros., 301-305 Whitehorse Road, West Croydon, tel: (081) 684-1667.

CALDWELL - On Tuesday August 25th 1993, peacefully at home, after a long illness bravely fought, Helen Josephine ('Jo'). Dearly loved and loving wife of Robin. Funeral Service at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Seagry, on Thursday September 2nd at 11 am. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund, c/o H & C Matthews Funeral Directors, 7 Burnham Road, Malmesbury, Wilts, SN16 0BQ, tel: (0666) 822216.

CHISHOLM - Malcolm James on August 25th 1993, husband of Sybil and father of Marcus, Sophie and Annabel. Much loved by family and friends. Funeral Service at St Leonard's Church, Chelsham, Surrey, on September 3rd 1993 at 2pm followed by committal at Croydon Crematorium. Floral tributes to A & J Morrin and Sons Ltd., 343 Lower Addiscombe Road, Croydon.

CLARLIS - Ernst, peacefully on Monday August 23rd 1993. Sadly missed. No flowers. Donations please to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund.

COGHILL - On August 24th 1993, peacefully at home, Hilda Mary Elizabeth (Diddy), widow of Harry and mother of Jane and Peter. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist Church, Westfield, on Friday September 3rd at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Christian Aid.

de CSILLERY - On August 25th 1993, peacefully in The Heart of Kent Hospice, Maidstone, after a short illness, Gillian (née Sansom), beloved wife of Béla, dearest mother of Andrew and Michael and his wife Patricia, daughter of Mabel Sansom. Private funeral service. Donations to The Heart of Kent Hospice, c/o Michael Lawrence Funeral Director, 93 King Street, Maidstone, Kent, tel: (0622) 661678. Memorial Service to be arranged.

FELIX - Gwynore Dudlyke ('Sir') aged 86, on August 25th at home, Dearly beloved husband, much loved father and grandfather, already sorely missed. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. No flowers please but donations for the Woodland Trust would be appreciated. Enquiries to E.R. Hickmott & Son, tel: (0892) 522462

FISON - On August 26th 1993, peacefully in Oxford, Kathleen Mary, aged 85. Sister of the late Bishop Joe Fison. Sadly missed by her nephews, nieces and many friends. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Wolvercote, Oxford, at 12 noon on Wednesday September 1st. Family flowers only. For further enquiries, tel: 40866) 310907.

HERBERT - On 26th August, G. Dudley, peacefully at New Hall Hospital, Salisbury, aged 92 years and late of Amesbury Abbey Nursing Home, after infirmity and illness courageously borne. Loved and respected by his family and friends. Funeral Service at Canford Crematorium, Wimborne-on-Tryn, Bristol, on Thursday 2nd September at 11.40 am. Enquiries to LN Newman Ltd. tel: (0722) 413136.

JAMES - On August 23rd, suddenly our darling Rolf left us. Son of Liv and Michael James, brother of Karin and Christina. The funeral will be on Thursday September 2nd at 2 pm at St Mary's Parish Church, Hartington, Beds. Flowers and enquiries to Neville Funeral Service, The Old Church, Flitwick Road, Ampthill, Beds. (0525) 405132.

KADOORIE - The Rt. Hon. the Lord Kadoorie, CBE, JP, K.St.J. (A) passed away peacefully on Wednesday 25th August 1993. Deeply missed by his wife, Muriel, his brother, Horace, his children, Rita and Michael, and his grandchildren, Andrew, Deborah, Natalie, Bettina and Philip. The Funeral will be private - no flowers by request. A Memorial Service will be held and details will be announced later.

LAZENBY - Barbara, mother of Michael and Roger, in hospital on August 25th. Cremation private.

MacLELLAND - On August 23rd 1993 in Kingston Hospital after a short serious illness, Bill, aged 67. Beloved father of Sue and Catriona and very dear friend of Nina. Cremation at 2 pm on Wednesday September 1st at Kingston Crematorium. Flowers to Co-operative Funeral Services, 10 St James Road, Surbiton, Surrey or donations to Kingston Hospital Scanner Appeal.

MAHON - On Wednesday 25th August, suddenly during heart surgery, Frank Mahon M.R.G.V.S. Beloved husband of Eileen, loving father and grandfather. Funeral at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Lambourn, Berks, on Tuesday 31st August at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, no letters. Donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation c/o Adams Funeral Directors, Lambourn.

MASSON-LEVITA - On August 24th, Jane of 4 Well House Place, Lewes, East Sussex, aged 86 years, as a result of a fall. She was the daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Wilsley and beloved mother of Tony and sister of Tom and Babs. The funeral will take place on Wednesday September 1st at 1.45 pm at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton (family cheped). Family flowers only please but donations to RSPCA. If desired, c/o Bennett Funeral Service, 48a Malling Street, Phoenix Causeway, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 2RH. Enquiries tel: (0273) 480270.

NOEL-HUME - Audrey Noel-Hume on Saturday August 21st aged 66 at her home in Williamsburg, Va. She and her husband Ivor Noel-Hume, both British subjects, were associated with Colonial Williamsburg's department of archaeology since 1967, she as curator and he as director.

PAGE - Victoria at home on August 20th 1993, aged 91 years. Widow of Edward Page, ex-Astra Romana, (Shell) Romania. Funeral Service, Wednesday 1st September, 1.45 pm at St Dunstans in The West Church, 186 Fleet Street, EC4, followed by committal at Putney Vale Cemetery. Donations in lieu of flowers to St Dunstan's Church.

PAPOUTSIS - On August 21st at Kent and Sussex Hospital, Demetri. Much beloved husband of Margaret and father of Yianni. Funeral at The Greek Orthodox Church of Saints Constantine and Eleni, Crystal Palace, on September 3rd at 12 noon. Flowers welcome or donations to Arterial Health Foundation. Enquiries to Rowland Brothers (081) 684-1667. No black ties.

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SAINSBURY - Bishop Kenneth Sainsbury peacefully at home on August 25th, formerly Bishop of Singapore and Malaya and General secretary of the British Council of Churches. Beloved husband of Ethelreda and father of Christopher, Audrey and Helen. Requiem Eucharist at Norwich Cathedral on Tuesday August 31st at 12 noon. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Christian Aid c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, NR2 2PE.

SCOULLER - On August 25th 1993, Lilian Florence, widow of Archibald, beloved mother of Margaret Wallance, Virginia Cribbin, Angela Cherrett and Valerie Scouller, much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service Wednesday September 1st at 3.15 pm in Morden Parish Church. Flowers may be sent to Dettc Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth, tel: (0202) 309609

SHARP - On 24th August, peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, following a brief illness, Anne, (Nan), beloved wife of Peter, mother of Colin and Timothy, sadly missed. Funeral Service at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Haslemere, on Tuesday 31st August at 10 am.

SHINDLER - Alfred Burnett, peacefully after a short illness on August 25th 1993. Dearly beloved husband, father and grandfather. Sadly missed by Phyllis, Hilary, Karolyn and Barbara, Howard, Henry, Nigel, Victoria, George, Andrew and Alexander.

SMITH - Peacefully after a short illness on 24th August 1993, Paul Smith M.A. F.I.A. Beloved husband of Mary, very dear father of Rosalind, Jonathan, father-in-law of Allison and Nigel and much loved grandpa of Alexandra, Olivia, Laurel, Susanna, Bryony, Jasmine, Ciara and Rowan. Special thanks to the staff of the Nuffield Hospital at Enfield. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at The United Reform Church, Tetherdown, Muswell Hill, N10, on Friday 3rd September at 4.15 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Christian Aid, N.S.P.C.C. or R.S.P.C.A.

TAYLOR - On August 23rd, suddenly, Peter Arthur Taylor, aged 60, much loved husband of Pat and father of Jeremy and Stuart. Funeral Service at St Leonard's, Flamstead, Herts., Wednesday September 1st at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations to The New Masonic Samaritan Fund, 26 Great Queen Street, London WC2 8PB.

WALLACE - On 23rd August 1993, Henry Arthur (Harry) aged 82 years, of Branscombe, Devon and formerly of Old Gloucester Street, Holborn. Details of Memorial Service to be announced at a later date. Enquiries to Hamafords Funeral Directors, (0297) 22638/21113.

WELLS - Arthur James (Jack) Wells O.B.E. Honorary F.I.A. on 26th August. Commemoration Service at Woodvale Crematorium, Brighton, on Friday 3rd September at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Tarner Home, Tilbury Place, Brighton.

WHILE - On 25th August at the Nuffield Hospital, Lancaster, Dennis, aged 77 years, greatly respected and admired brother of Daphne Wilson and of the late Diana Barratt and uncle of seven nephews and nieces. Funeral at St Anne's Church, Haverthwaite, on Tuesday 31st August at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o Wrens Undertakers, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 8LZ.

YOUENS - On August 24th in hospital, Archdeacon John Ross Youens, CB, OBE, MC, Chaplain General to the Forces 1966-74, loved husband of Pam, father of Richard, the late Emrys and the late Georgina Welt Forester. Cremation private, followed by funeral at R.A.Ch.D. Depot, Bagshot Park, on Friday September 3rd. No Memorial Service by his request. No letters please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

SCHOFIELD - Stephen Leonard. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Stephen Schofield will be held at St Mary's Church, Dunsfold, Surrey, at 11.30am on Wednesday 8th September 1993.

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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR JOHN HAWTHORN

Professor John Hawthorn, a pioneer of food science, died on July 21 aged 72. He was born on March 30, 1921.

WITH the death of John Hawthorn food science and technology has lost one of its outstanding figures. Scientifically, academically and professionally he was a national and international leader, a teacher and mentor to many, one of the pioneers who helped to transform an occupation into a recognised and respected profession.

Educated at Shawlands Academy and Glasgow High School, he worked for two years as an apprentice engineer before in 1939 becoming a student at the then Royal Technical College, Glasgow, and at Glasgow University, reading first engineering and then chemistry there. He graduated in chemistry and general technical chemistry in 1943, as an associate of the Royal College of Science and Technology (RCST). Recommended for a commission by a War Office Selection Board, he was later rejected and, under wartime provisions, directed into industry. He entered the food industry as a chemist and spent the remainder of the decade successively with Trent Yeast Extract Company, Batchelors and R. D. Waddell of Glasgow.

The knowledge and experience he gained in industry equipped him to return to Glasgow's Royal College of Science and Techology in 1950 as a lecturer in food science. Thus began his long and distinguished career of academic research and teaching. This was at a time when, after a long period in which individual scientific disciplines had been applied to food in virtually watertight compartments, food science was beginning to emerge as a multi-disciplinary subject in its own right. This was brought about by a combination of factors, among them the publication of *Recent Advances in Food Science* (1956), of whose first two volumes Hawthorn was joint editor.

He gained his PhD and his fellowship of the then Royal Institute of Chemistry in 1954. At the Royal College of Science and Technology he became principal lecturer in 1956 and in 1958 was appointed professor of food science, the first such appointment in the UK. Initially, food science graduates at Glasgow's RCST were awarded only an associateship. Hawthorn negotiated an arrangement for them to be eligible for a degree in food science from the University of Glasgow, but this was overtaken by the transformation of RCST into the University of Strathclyde and the retrospective award of its food science degrees to the earlier associates.

His services as an independent food science expert were extensively used by the government. Among many appointments, he was chairman of the Scottish Hygiene Council for many years from 1962; he also served on the then Food Additives and Contaminants Committee 1964-67, resigning due to ill-health after reappointment to serve a second term; he was the government-appointed scientific adviser to the British Food Manufacturing Industries Research Association (now the Leatherhead Food RA) 1975-85, serving as well on the Food Research Advisory Committee.



He was a member of several learned societies, including the Nutrition Society, the Society of Chemical Industry and the Royal Philosophical Society of Edinburgh. In 1962 he was elected as a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and served as its vice-president, 1974-77.

The factors that led to the emergence of food science as a discipline had also led in the early 1960s to a realisation that a new profession was in the making for which a professional body was required. Hawthorn was one of those who played a part in the formation and development of the Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST), in which his involvement was characteristically wholehearted and his contributions manifold. He was the first chairman of its education committee, 1964-68, and also served on the qualifications committee (the forerunner of the membership committee). In 1965 and 1966 he was elected as one of the two vice-presidents. In 1973 he became the sixth (and, up to that time, the youngest) president of the institute, and was re-elected in 1974. As president he played the leading part in initiating and developing the institute's code of professional conduct.

From 1968 until his death Hawthorn played an important part in the International Union of Food Science & Technology (IUFoST), including a period as chairman of its international liaison and constitutional committees from 1970. He was the organisation's vice-president from 1970 to 1974 and its president from 1974 to 1978.

Every inch a Scotsman, he always took a keen interest in Scottish national affairs and involved himself in numerous Scottish public and voluntary bodies. He was affectionately known as "the Laird of Strathclyde" by some of his English friends, who also held that there must be a hidden computer at Strathclyde University programmed to translate ordinary run-of-the-mill English jokes into the sparkling Scottish humour with which he enlivened the more serious content of his speeches. His main recreational interests were swimming, hill-walking and painting.

He leaves a widow Greta, a son and a daughter.

ELIZABETH SCOTT-MOORE

Elizabeth Scott-Moore, painter, died on August 12 aged 90. She was born on October 7, 1902.

INTRODUCED to watercolour at the age of three, Edith Elizabeth Brier was to spend her life devoted to creative work. Her mother, Victoria Mary Brier née Carruthers, had been trained as an illustrator under Lavery at the Glasgow School of Art. It was as an illustrator of children's books that "E. E. Brier" created her first reputation.

Elizabeth Brier was born at Dartford, Kent, the daughter of an inventor and engineer. Henry Brier produced carbon-dioxide compressors for the refrigeration units of many of the world's ships. Fond of his four children he took them on sailing cruises in the Thames estuary. Sailing had been his pastime in his bachelor days when he met members of the Impressionist circle as he sailed on the Seine. He was employed in those years as engineer by the Tram Company of Rouen.

Tales of those days inspired the young Elizabeth. She excelled at drawing, winning several medals from the Royal Drawing Society in her teens and the Briers sent her to Goldsmith's College to train under Edmund Sullivan.

There her great friends were Graham Sutherland and his wife-to-be, Kathleen Barry. However, on her daily journey to college she met and fell in love with John Scott-Moore. He was a married man 20 years her senior, and they had to wait till 1937 before they could marry. In 1945 they moved to their home on the Wentworth Golf Course at Virginia Water, Surrey. It was here that her husband died only two years later.





Elizabeth Scott-Moore, left, and *The Canal, New Haw, Surrey*, 1952, a characteristic example of her watercolour treatments of rural scenes

At Wentworth Elizabeth Scott-Moore created her beautiful garden, and as with that other Wentworth resident, Elizabeth von Arnim, the place itself and her poetic sensibility combined in her art to show a charmed life of glowing flower borders, a cat asleep on a comfortable chair and an ever-present feeling of warm light filtering into the studio through many trees. In these works and in an array of landscapes inspired by widespread travel in this country and in southern Europe, particularly in Corsica, Scott-Moore built up a considerable following.

Showing at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition first in 1948, she became also a regular exhibitor at the Royal Society of Portrait Painters. Her passion for the watercolour medium, though, meant that it was here that she most fully developed her talents. Initially she belonged to the Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolours but resigned on a point of principle over the question of women's votes in the affairs of the society. A friendship with Cosmo Clark, RA, led to her being nominated for the Royal Watercolour Society in 1966. There she became a full member in 1975 and the first woman trustee of the society in 1986.

Beyond her success as a watercolourist Elizabeth Scott-Moore had a delight in all open air activities. She had been an excellent skier in her younger years and sailing and camping were the interests she shared with her husband. Though small in stature, she possessed a fine singing voice. She had a way of attracting friends by her clear indication of her views on the place of women in professional life. Many a younger artist or poet found not only encouragement in visiting her studio but often a subject as well.

DEMETRI PAPOUTSIS

Demetri Papoutsis, an osteopath who specialised in dancers' injuries, died on August 21 aged 61, from heart disease. He was born in Larissa, in the Thessaly region of Greece, on February 17, 1932.



A STOCKY, sturdily-built man, frequently beaming with spontaneous pleasure, Demetri Papoutsis used to delight in attending first nights when the stars he had put back on stage were showing their gifts unimpaired. His most spectacular success came over the young virtuoso dancer Peter Schaufuss. Soon after being accepted by Balanchine into the New York City Ballet, Schaufuss hurt his back so badly that one medical, surgical and manipulative specialist after another in America said he must accept that his career was finished.

Knowing Papoutsis's reputation Schaufuss flew to see him for one last opinion. With much hesitation Papoutsis agreed to attempt treatment, warning that the course would be long and hard for both of them and that at best he could hold out hope of no more than a few further years on stage.

Those years are long elapsed, but Schaufuss is still performing, and the peaks of his career came after he had put himself into Papoutsis's hands. No wonder that Schaufuss insisted on paying tribute to their relationship in his internationally-shown TV documentary series, *Dancer*. Grateful for warm supportive friendship and much wise advice as well as treatment, Schaufuss also persuaded Papoutsis to act as his business agent, negotiating engagements and contracts, and some other dancer patients followed him in this.

Brought up in Greece, Demetri Ioannis Papoutsis had some exciting schoolboy adventures before his family smuggled him away to stay with an aunt in London to avoid being sent by the post-war communist regime with other selected teenagers for indoctrination in Moscow. On returning home, he followed his father's footsteps into medicine, training in orthopaedics and additionally, when drafted into the the Royal Army Medical Corps, as an anaesthetist. His army service was extended by transfer to special duties about which he maintained a life-long secrecy.

Papoutsis's decision to switch from orthodox medicine was brought about literally by accident: an injury incurred through his passion for driving cars and motorcycles in amateur races. Threatened with the amputation of his left arm, he instead sought help successfully from a bone-setter.

Thus convinced of the value of manipulation as a healing process, and his interest seized by it, he came to London to study at the British School of Osteopathy, graduating with clinical honours in 1965. Soon he was training further generations at the school, as senior clinical tutor from 1967 to 1970, then senior lecturer and clinical tutor in technique and diagnosis until 1979.

He specialised originally in sports injuries, but from the first time a dancer came to him for treatment he became fascinated by the complexity of their physical needs, and obsessively studied how their bodies worked. Word spread quickly, and increasingly more dancers came to him, happily making the tedious journey to South Norwood when rising rents compelled him to give up his surgery off Sloane Street.

In 1973 he was appointed consultant osteopath to the London School of Contemporary Dance, helping to select the pupils as well as providing treatment, and in 1974 London Festival Ballet gave him a corresponding appointment. Other dancers came privately from all over Britain and further afield, including some of Covent Garden's best known stars, and ballroom professionals as well as ballet and modern dancers.

He married in 1971 Margaret King, also an osteopath and formerly one of his best pupils. Her statuesque blonde beauty was striking beside his shorter, darker, more powerful physique. Unfortunately, from about 1979 ill-health forced him to cut back his activities; he suffered heart attacks and had a coronary by-pass operation.

Characteristically, he continued to treat those patients most in need of his special gifts. He could never bring himself, nor be persuaded by his wife's devoted care, to give up for long the cigarettes he so much enjoyed, nor to follow a strict diet. He died, as he lived, happily, treating a patient in the morning and enjoying a family lunch before collapsing during an afternoon drive into the country. He leaves his widow Margaret and one son.

PIERRE DESGRAUPES

Pierre Desgraupes, French television news and channel head, died in Rueil-Malmaison, near Paris, on August 16 aged 74. He was born in Angoulême on December 18, 1918.

PIERRE DESGRAUPES, was a legendary figure in the world of French television both for the quality of his news documentaries over a period of two decades and for the way he stoutly, even fiercely, defended the right of television teams to present their views and not just those of the French government. He fought for this freedom in the days when television was regarded, usually with justification, as a tool of the Gaullist government — with the information minister, or one of his cabinet colleagues, giving daily instructions to the heads of the old ORTF (Office de Radiodiffusion et Télévision Française).

A turning-point in French television's objectivity came a year after the students' and workers' demonstrations of 1968 when the then prime minister, Jacques Chaban-Delmas, appointed Desgraupes as head of news at the No 1 state channel. Chaban-Delmas wanted a freer television that corresponded to his "New Society" political programme. His brief to Desgraupes was "to let those in television say what they think and not be under the thumb of any government". The non-conformist Desgraupes helped raise French television standards closer to those then prevailing in Britain and the United States and was regarded in France as the pioneer of "modern" television.

His two-and-a-half years as director of news, a tenure ended by a less tolerant Georges Pompidou, and his later three-year period, between 1981 and 1984, as chief executive of *Antenne 2* earned him the reputation as someone who stood up to the politicians and stood by his journalists.

He had shown this spirit of independence earlier as co-director of *Cinq colonnes à la une* (the French expression for banner headline), a Friday night documentary programme devoted to French and world news, which had an enormous audience that on occasion rose to 80 per cent of viewers during the closing years of the Algerian war for independence. Friday night became known as the night of empty cinemas.



Desgraupes was the right-hand man of the programme's director, Pierre Lazareff, head of the France Soir-Elle press group. During the programme's run of ten years Desgraupes broadened its coverage in the face of political opposition. *Cinq colonnes à la une* also provided new-look cultural coverage. Desgraupes was reporter as well as co-director and, on one occasion, he broke new ground with his investigation of the notorious Dominici murder case of the early 1950s when the patriarch of a French peasant family, Gaston Dominici, was accused of the murder, in 1952, of Sir Jack Drummond and his family. Dominici was sentenced to death, a sentence later commuted to life imprisonment.

Desgraupes was a burly, gruff man who encouraged future TV stars such as Philippe Labro and Christine Okrent. In return for "protecting" his journalists from politicians, right and left, he demanded high standards and was known for his dressings-down of those who did not come up to the mark.

He started off in radio in 1947 after a period as press officer of the ministry of former prisoners at a time when François Mitterrand was secretary-general of the ministry. It was Mitterrand who later was to appoint him as head of *Antenne 2* after the Socialists' sweeping victory of 1981.

Desgraupes became a TV producer in 1953 with *Lecture pour tous*, a celebrated books programme designed for a mass audience. It was the forerunner of the French prime time discussions of literature. In the 1960s he was associated with Igor Barrère, another co-director of *Cinq colonnes à la une*, in the production of innovative medical programmes, bringing live surgery to the small screen. He was also a columnist at the news magazine, *Le Point*.

After his compulsory retirement from *Antenne 2* in 1984, Desgraupes remained active in television. His last programme, shot three weeks ago, was devoted to the British Ultra code-breaking success of the second world war. His favourite saying was: "Television, like love, takes two — presenter and spectator."

He wrote a number of books, including a study of the poet Rainer Maria Rilke, an account of the Soviet invasion of Prague in 1968 and a book on his televised medical programmes.

He is survived by his wife and three children.

MITSUGU NAKAMURA

Mitsugu Nakamura, former president of the English-language newspaper *Asahi Evening News*, has died in Tokyo aged 72.

MITSUGU Nakamura, had served as Washington bureau chief and then head of European bureaux for the Japanese-language *Asahi Shimbun*, parent company of the *Asahi Evening News*.

He was president of the English-language paper from 1975 until 1984, and served as secretary general of the Japan Press Club from 1984 until 1986.

The Asahi Evening News has a circulation of 30,000.

PARACHUTES FOR AIRMEN.

By Our Aeronautical Correspondent

Very little has been heard in this country for years about the use of parachutes as part of the normal equipment of Service or even training and experimental machines, but in America a particularly handy form of parachute is now used by pilots and has undoubtedly saved many lives.

Before explaining the attitude of the British Air Ministry, it may be useful to quote the experience of Lieutenant Macready, one of the most prominent pilots of the U.S.A. Air Service. According to the American journal *Aviation*, Lieutenant Macready was returning to McCook Field from a night airways flight when his engine stopped, and, after heading the machine over open land so that no lives would be endangered by the crash, he prepared to jump. He was about 3,000ft. up. "I loosened my safety belt," he said, "and threw one leg over the side of the ship, keeping one hand on the control stick. Finally, I crawled out on to the wing and attempted to nose the ship up so I could leave without any danger of having the parachute catch. I let go the plane and let the wind blow me free. I decided to count two before I pulled the ripcord of the parachute so as not to hit the plane. I do not know what position I was in when I left the ship, whether I was upside down or not, but I heard the parachute open with a snap, and I knew I would land safely in some place."

The sequel is not without an element of humour. A pedestrian heard a warning voice from nowhere shout "Hello! below. Hey! down there," and, carrying on a conversation with people below him in the darkness, Lieutenant Macready found he had landed on the edge of a 100ft. cliff without "a scratch or even a good bump." Meanwhile his derelict machine had crashed a few hundred yards away and had burst into flames. While the spectators stood helpless, thinking of the pilot in the mass of burning wreckage, Lieutenant Macready, to their amazement, strode into their midst from the surrounding darkness.

A recent inquiry at the British Air Ministry met with the reply that no decision had been reached on the use of parachutes, and that no information could be given; but a few days ago that statement was amplified to the extent that the Air Ministry are satisfied that they have an efficient design of parachute, but are not yet entirely content with the design of the parachute harness, and experimental work is still proceeding.

It is obvious that an efficient type of harness to attach the man to the parachute is necessary, and one of the problems is so to arrange that harness that the man falling rapidly does not suffer too great a shock when the parachute opens and takes up the weight. Still, if a high percentage of successful openings and landings can be attained with the present apparatus, it does seem that English lives might have been saved if such a form of parachute were part of the equipment of Service, training, and experimental machines.

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Setting the trend in vogue revival

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Brian Fender, a chemist who became vice-chancellor at Keele in 1985, says: "If you were starting from scratch today, you could hardly find a more exciting model."

Every university likes to consider itself as a trend-setter, but Keele can make the boast with more justice than many. It had a quarter of a century's start on the current vogue for broad higher education.

Even the campus universities of the 1960s, which stressed interdisciplinary study, were predated by their counterpart in the Potteries. The radical concept was at the heart of Lord Lindsay's initiative in *setting up the original University* College of North Staffordshire in the late 1940s.

Although Lindsay is usually said to have been trying to recreate Balliol College, Oxford, where he was the master, the approach owes more to his native Scotland. But, whatever the founders' intentions, they certainly hit upon a winning model. The search for breadth and variety at degree level has become a recurring theme of the 1990s.

> Keele was the pundits' favourite for closure

Professor Brian Fender, the vice-chancellor, says: "If you were starting from scratch *today, you could hardly find a more* exciting model. Not many universities are that lucky in terms of continuity of mission."

The university college won full independence and became Keele before the Robbins Report persuaded the government of the day into expanding higher education. But the new university's progress has often been far from easy.

Keele stagnated in the 1970s when it had been expected to grow, and was many pundits' favourite candidate for closure when the universities were being cut back early in the following decade. Even three years ago, the university topped a funding council "worry list" of institutions thought to be facing financial difficulties. Keele was doing badly in the all-important research rankings and was proving expensive.

Professor Fender, a chemist who spent much of his career at Oxford, became vice-chancellor in 1985, when the outlook was uncertain. There were suggestions of a merger with Staffordshire University, then a polytechnic, but both institutions eventually decided to go it alone.

Now, however, Keele appears to have turned the corner. It has been growing successfully, its research ratings have improved and the bank balance is back in the black. The earlier deficits were planned in any case, funding the latest phase of Keele's development.

There are more than enough good applicants to fill the new residential places being provided on the 600-acre campus near Newcastle-under-Lyme. A science park has attracted sufficient tenants in the teeth of a recession to provide grounds for optimism for its future. Professor Fender hopes that the mix will produce a new type of campus. "We *talk about the campus as a community*. In the early days that was a rather precious concept, but we aim to make the combination of students, staff and business people the best example of a modern, open campus in the country.

"Our facilities are used not only by people who work on the campus, but by the community generally. We see ourselves as the modern alternative to the inner-city institution. If you like, we have a drive-in campus, which is is the focus for a large area."

The university is trying to accommodate more of its own staff on campus, as well as increasing the number of residential places for students. Already, 130 staff live on site, and soon they should be able to buy new houses planned for the next phase of development.

Those plans aim to increase the number of students from the present 5,000 to 7,500 by the end of the century, in spite of the government's present freeze, but that would still leave Keele among the smaller universities. This is not a prospect that causes Professor Fender any concern. "There are few economies of scale in higher education and, with the arrival of the new universities, we will be quite distinctive as an institution of this size and type."

Filling the extra places should not be a problem, as long as ministers take the brakes off the expansion of higher education. Not only is there a healthy demand for the traditional residential student, but Keele's geographical position gives it an unusually large catchment area for those who prefer to study at home. The number of higher education places in the region is low, and the motorway system makes the university accessible from south Cheshire and parts of Shropshire as well as the populous Potteries.

Now that Keele's research ratings have improved, Professor Fender is in a stronger position to reject all suggestions that Keele should become primarily a teaching university. His strategy is, wherever possible, to pool the considerable expertise available among the youngest academic staff in the traditional universities.

Funding is being targeted on successful research areas, such as education, where two new professors were appointed when Professor Tim Brighouse returned to educational administration. No departments will be dropped from the research network, but some will be grouped together for research purposes. In international studies, for example, 17 departments are collaborating.

The approach follows Keele's earliest interdisciplinary traditions, and seems to be paying off so far. "It does not mean squeezing people out, but encouraging them to work effectively with others," Professor Fender says. "For a university of our size, that is essential."

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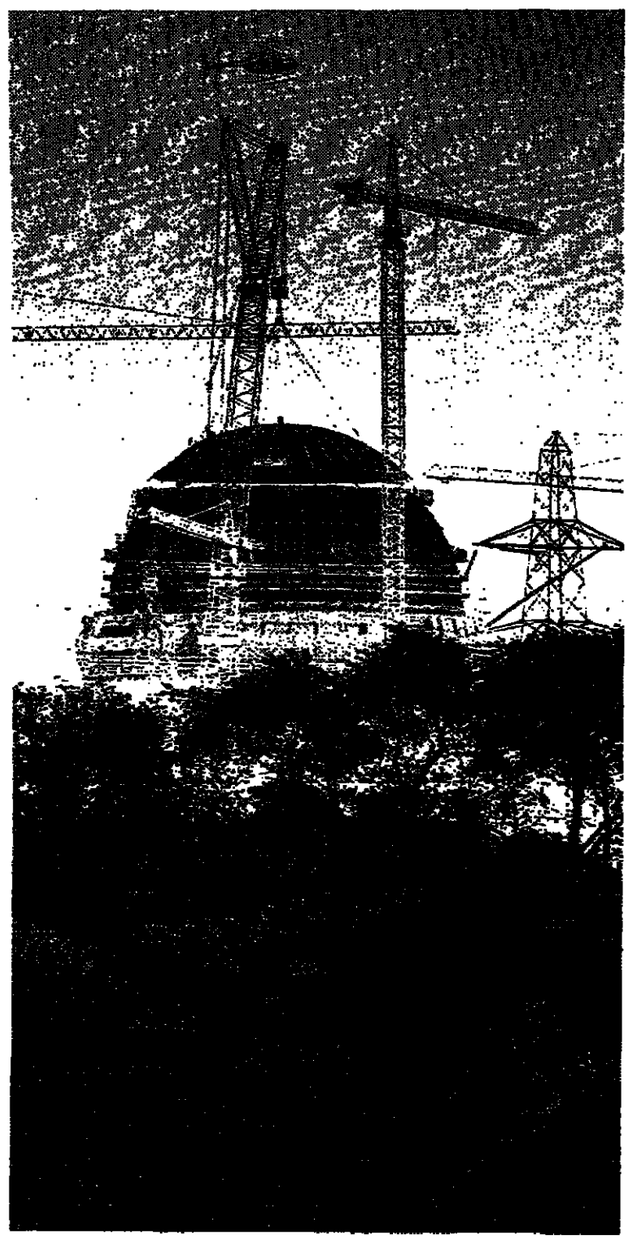
The theme of the biggest science event of the year, the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which starts on *the Keele campus on Sunday*, could not be more appropriate for the university. "Science for Life" is already one of Keele's main concerns and would be developed further if national policy allowed, *John O'Leary writes.*

Successive governments have placed a moratorium on the establishment of medical schools, and the turmoil in the London teaching hospitals has put the subject off-limits. But Keele's case to be the next candidate for a medical school is strong and is one which the university will press in the years ahead.

The university has expanded its health curriculum in recent years, and it now offers everything from postgraduate medicine to nursing and radiography. The postgraduate medical school now has a dozen professors, with more on the way. The university is working closely with the local health authority, and is taking over the running of physiotherapy, radiography and nurse training.

There are now five strands to Keele's health provision: traditional interventionist medicine in the postgraduate school; backup in science and bioengineering; patient services such as nursing and primary health care; medical infomatics and epidemiology; and management.

The vice-chancellor, Professor Brian Fender, says: "In future, undergraduate medical training will have to follow the patients. There are no undergraduate medical schools between Manchester and Birmingham, and we estimate that we could serve a population of three million."



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Campus for 21st century

Expansion plans are in hand to double the intake



Modern buildings and landscaping give Keele students an attractive site for work

Keele is one of the smaller universities in Britain *in terms of student* numbers, but its 617-acre campus is the country's largest and one of the biggest in Europe, *Craig Seton writes.*

About 70 per cent of full-time students live on the campus, the highest proportion of any university, and about 60 per cent of staff and *their families live within its* landscaped grounds.

The setting of woods, parkland and lakes surrounding the academic buildings and student residences forms part of the local green belt and its size allows significant scope for future expansion of the university's facilities.

Keele was founded in 1949 as the University College of North Staffordshire and acquired full university status in 1962. Plans are being advanced for growth to cater for a student population of 7,500 by the turn of the century and, eventually, for 10,000 full-time students, more than double the present number.

The aim is to develop the whole campus on the lines of a small town, offering year-round services for the residential, social, shopping and leisure needs of students and staff as well as the non-university conferences and other functions that are important income generators.

The annual turnover from Keele's booming conference business is about £2 million, providing a trading surplus that is transferred to the university coffers.

The university has four halls of residence, five restaurants, two banks, a supermarket and other retail outlets. The services it provides for students and staff have a dual role since they also serve the thousands of people who attend conferences and other functions, ensuring that most of the facilities are busy all year round.

Conference delegates staying in accommodation provided by the university have a choice ranging from self-catering rooms to a university-owned hotel with seminar rooms in Keele village.

Student residential halls have been refurbished in the past five years and this month sees the completion of 638 rooms for students on campus, each with an en-suite bathroom.

The university initiated a comprehensive review of the site's potential for expansion, to cope with the anticipated growth in full-time student numbers and the facilities needed. To cater for new development, the university has been given permission to develop a 76-acre *site in the* green belt at Home Farm, which it owns.

The new projects are likely to include multi-purpose buildings to provide teaching facilities or for expansion of the successful Keele University Science Park, which is housed on-campus and is about to embark on a third phase of growth.

Philip Boden, Keele's director of research development and business affairs, says: "The concept we have here is of a small, working academic village or town with its own shops, banks, research buildings, teaching facilities and the science park, which we see as part and parcel of what we are trying to achieve."

The conference business, he says, is crucial to the well-being of the university and not just in terms of income generation. The British Association conference now taking place, for instance, is a prestige event that is being staged at Keele *for the first time* and offers an opportunity to display some of the university's academic and research wares. Next year the campus will host the annual meeting of the Higher Education Funding Council for England.

Refurbishment of the Westminster Theatre at Keele, funded by the university's development trust, is helping to cope *with the competing* demands on space for teaching, the performing arts and conferences, which call for multi-use venues. The theatre has video projection and closed-circuit TV to link it with adjacent suites of rooms.

The expansion plan now being put forward to take Keele into the next century is designed to remain true to principles enshrined in its development plan of 1978. The plan envisages that the central forum of the campus should remain the library, chapel and student union, acting as a natural social centre. There will be careful arrangement of new buildings, and the beauty of the site will be maintained by conserving woodland.

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Combined courses strike the right balance

Craig Seton looks at an approach to teaching that is adding to a reputation for innovation

Keele is unique among British universities in that all its students must experience both arts and science subjects. More than 90 per cent of its undergraduates follow a dual-honours course rather than the more traditional single-honours programme.

Keele's longstanding commitment to multi-disciplinary study and a broad educational programme is delivered chiefly through the *modular, dual-honours* programme in which the majority of students combine two principal courses and pursue a particular interest or seek to enhance a special skill through a subsidiary course.

A four-year programme available at the university includes the Keele Foundation Year, which opens up wide avenues of study in a range of subjects for undergraduates and is also open to other mature students in the area. There are about 250 course combinations available from 35 honours-level subjects and one of Keele's principal aims is that all undergraduates study some science and some humanities.

Academics at the north Staffordshire university believe that the breadth of educational study offers a distinct alternative to the majority of universities and explains why it is first choice for an increasing number of students. It is regarded as one of Keele's great strengths at a time when higher education is undergoing re-assessment and change, and when many jobs require more than one skill in a tough employment market.

Dr Eddie Slade, director of academic affairs, says the multi-disciplinary tradition at Keele derives from a determined attempt in the post-second world war period to break down the narrow trends in higher education based on the single-honours system. That applications from students outstrip the availability of places is testimony to the central role of the multi-disciplinary courses in Keele's academic portfolio.

"These have survived and are popular," Dr Slade says. "There is a demand, for instance, from students who want to do more than one science subsidiary course, and the fact that a student has a subsidiary course is of considerable benefit — even more so these days. It makes our students popular."

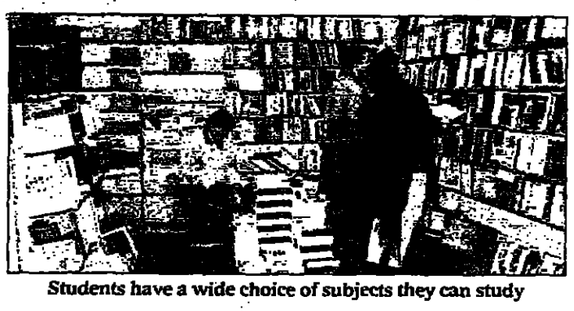
The Higher Education Funding Council for England has the statutory task of undertaking quality assessment of teaching, but Dr Slade says Keele is ahead of the field with a series of rolling reviews of departmental performance, which are being assessed at the rate of six a year using external referees. Dr Slade says that while the audits impose stresses and strains on academic departments, the university undoubtedly benefits and the imperative is to get on and do it. All departments at Keele are required to operate a formal system for obtaining feedback from students on their experience of the university's courses.

The Higher Education Quality Council's recent audit report on Keele acknowledged its distinctive aim to provide broad-based education and praised the emphasis given to strengthening students' learning skills.

There has been a rapid increase in recent years in the number of new courses offered at Keele to reflect student demand and to bring forward masters programmes to complement strengths in research and scholarship. Subsidiary language courses mean that a large proportion of the first-year intake studies a language as part of the student degree programmes.

Health and medically related courses are a large part of the university programme, involving more than 700 students and 200 postgraduates. They are driven largely by Keele's links with North Staffordshire Health Centre and the local district health authority.

New BSc courses in biomedical sciences and medicinal and biological chemistry have been designed to enhance the academic programme and a new postgraduate course in information technology has been introduced. Keele has one of the first undergraduate courses in environmental management. A European studies BA has been introduced as awareness increases of the value placed on languages by employers. According to academics, big companies such as BT, British Aerospace, Shell UK and IBM have expressed interest in an MSc in machine perception and neurocomputing, and Keele's Centre for Medical Social Anthropology introduced an MSc course to examine social issues connected with health care.



Students have a wide choice of subjects they can study

Research at the heart of university life

Income from new research grants, links with industry and contracts last year brought in £6.4 million

Over the past five years, the research programme at Keele has expanded and become more diverse. Furthermore, in spite of the recession, it has attracted substantial increases in external support, *writes Craig Seton.*

The scope of research at the university ranges from an exploration into advanced ceramics, an investigation of Alzheimer's disease, and clinical studies of foetuses, newborn babies and adults during surgery, to an examination of the cultural impact of "synthetic worlds", such as theme parks.

Philip Boden, director of research development and business affairs, says that during the past five years decisions have been taken to focus on research and more than 40 new professorial appointments have helped Keele climb the research ratings.

Last year, when the university prepared its submission for the Higher Education Funding Council for England's research assessment exercise, by which the government directs research funding into centres of excellence, two-thirds of the departments at Keele had improved their ratings by at least one point since 1989. This achieved a major objective of the university's corporate plan to bring its average ratings within the band 2.5-3 (on a rising scale from 1 to a maximum of 5).

During the assessment exercise, the departments of American Studies, Biomedical Engineering and Medical Physics achieved ratings of 5 while Music, International Relations and Russian were awarded ratings of 4, Mr Boden says.

Keele, where 26 per cent of students are postgraduates, has now set a target of improving its average research rating in the funding council's 1996 assessment to within the range 3-3.5 and to plan for a 3 rating as the minimum acceptable level, except for new departments.

During the research assessment, Mr Boden says, Keele identified 98 per cent of its staff as "research active", which was probably one of the highest figures in the country.

Income from new research grants and contracts totalled about £4.7 million in 1991-92, about 14 per cent of the total income of the university, and in 1992-93 it rose to more than £6.5 million.

The university values its research links with industry and specialist groups. Mr Boden says a key initiative last year was a joint venture with CERAM Research, Europe's leading ceramic research and technology organisation. This involved the appointment of Professor Derek Birchall and Professor Kevin Kendall, both formerly of ICI, in a collaboration focused on the new unit for inorganic chemistry and materials science. The aim was to improve opportunities for the use of advanced ceramics in manufacturing industry.

Professor Birchall has also investigated the significance of aluminium in the causes of Alzheimer's disease and his latest contribution to research in this field has featured in *The Lancet*. Mr Boden says: "There is no doubt that research has been a growth point at Keele. The key has been that the vice-chancellor has appointed good staff."

Keele is also helping to fulfil government aspirations for university research to be more closely linked to commercially viable applications and to help service the needs of industry. It has had a £100,000 grant from the trade and industry department to support technology transfer, and the establishment of a technology assessment panel has given the university access to specialist expertise. The body includes representatives from banking, industry, market research, and patents.

Other key objectives for research at Keele, set out in the university's planning statement are:

- To increase external research income by at least 8 per cent a year in real terms;
- To ensure that all departments have a research strategy defining research strengths in international terms;
- To define and provide an appropriate research environment for staff and research students;
- To strengthen and create centres to encourage focused and inter-disciplinary research;
- To ensure the availability of resources to stimulate and maintain research collaborations within the UK and overseas;
- To increase the number of full-time research students by 6 per cent per year.





From an exploration into advanced ceramics to an investigation of Alzheimer's disease, research at the university has expanded over the past five years

Exploring two worlds

In-depth studies in science and the arts are important strengths

The multi-disciplinary American studies department at Keele is one of the areas that scored a maximum rating of 5 in the Higher Education Funding Council for England's research assessment exercise, *writes Craig Seton.*

The department consists of literary specialists, historians, political scientists and geographers, all engaged in research, and is seeking to become an important centre in Britain for higher degree American studies. Professor Ian Bell, Charles Swann and Dr Richard Godden are literary specialists whose re-evaluation of 19th and 20th century literary figures attracted attention. Professor Bell examined issues of history, economics and social change through the novels of Henry James in the 1870s, when the consumer culture began its advance.

The lecturer, Steve Mills, studied the cultural impact of theme parks and the ways in which "synthetic worlds" such as Euro Disney, that promoted escapist notions of other places, times and people, could be seen as the increasing Americanisation of Europe. Other departments recognised for research are:

- The biomedical engineering and medical physics department under Professor Peter Rolfe encourages multi-disciplinary research involving life scientists, clinicians, and physical scientists and engineers. The department's work on the development of implantable biosensors is at the leading edge of research into the measurement of complex chemicals within the body, important to clinical diagnosis and treatment.
- The Russian department has direct research links with the Academy of Sciences in Sofia and Bergamo and the universities of Tartu and Tver.

Last year the department staged an international conference in honour of Professor Yuri Mikhailovich, whose work on the life of Pushkin and Russian literature of the 18th and 19th century is known across the world. Fifty speakers from 13 countries took part in the event, which helped establish Keele as a leading British centre in Russian culture.

- Bob Franklin, of the department of politics, led a team commissioned by the parliamentary select committee on the televising of the proceedings of the House of Commons, to examine the use being made by broadcasters of television filming of Parliament. The team found little evidence that televising the Commons would mean parliament being trivialised.
- The department of international relations examined the twin themes of force and diplomacy in a series of research conferences, which began with the Falklands conflict and also studied elements leading to the Gulf war. The Balkans conflict is also due to be assessed.
- The music department harnesses computer technology to aid composition. "Keele Desktop" is a computer music software package, devised by Dr Rajmil Fischman and research students on a masters course in digital music technology that is marketed through a consortium of electro-acoustic composers.
- Research projects that have significant technology transfer potential include the development of an advanced gas-sensing device, which can detect carbon monoxide. It is the work of Professor Ted Williams in the electronic engineering department and is a valuable early warning system fire detector.
- Competition to place larger quantities of data on to smaller areas of encription is intense and Keele researchers, working on a contract under the trade and industry department's SMART scheme, have developed an intelligent magneto-optic bar code, which can carry up to a thousand times more information than those in common usage and which has a wide range of applications in banking, automation and retailing.
- Professor Richard Challis in the electronic engineering department has used ultrasonic technology to develop a spectrometer to detect minute changes in the physical composition of colloids. The instrument has significant implications for production line monitoring and control and has aroused the interest of Shell Research, Unilever, ICI, 3M and English China Clays.
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THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Anxious wait for cancer patients

■ Nearly 2,000 cancer patients face an anxious wait to discover whether they have been wrongly diagnosed after an enquiry exposed a series of medical blunders at a Birmingham hospital.

Cases going back over eight years are to be reviewed after the discovery that some patients had been given unnecessary treatment by the bone tumour service while others were wrongly given the all-clear. .....Page 1

Resolute Kasparov keeps his counsel

■ Garry Kasparov flew into London yesterday in resolute mood to defend his title in the Times World Chess Championship. Asked if he had a message for his opponent, Britain's Nigel Short, Kasparov said he had, but he would "deliver it over a chess board"......Page 1

End of Tory decline

The latest MORI poll for *The Times*, based on interviews undertaken last weekend, suggests that support for the Tories has levelled off after a long decline. The Tories' rating is now 28 per cent; Labour has dropped two points to 42 per cent ....Pages 1, 6

Oven cleaner risk

A top-selling oven cleaner is responsible for disfiguring burns to at least nine women, trading standard officers have warned. Two women needed plastic surgery and will be scarred for life after using the Mr Muscle aerosol spray .....Page 7

Travellers checked

Police were on alert yesterday to head off any trouble from travellers over the Bank Holiday weekend. In the West Country, more than 200 officers mounted checks on roads into Cornwall to prevent any attempt by New Age travellers to stage an illegal festival on Bodmin Moor .....Page 2

Tragic naivety

The murder of the American student, Amy Biehl, by youths in a township near Cape Town, conjures the image of the well-meaning American visitor to South Africa, convinced (wrongly) that the situation is no more than a replay of the American civil rights struggle.....Page 8

Bragg cashes in

Melvyn Bragg, the author and head of arts programmes at London Weekend Television, stands to make nearly £2.9 million on Tuesday from a management share scheme.....Page 3

Against the grain

Germany, which has to mediate between the United States and France on the issue of restricted grain exports, is being forced into gestures of relatively empty support for Paris in order to protect the "special" Franco-German relationship .....Page 9

NSPCC guidelines

A spate of incidents in which children have been left at home alone has prompted the NSPCC to issue new guidelines on child care .....Page 5

Corruption enquiry

An enquiry team of four military police officers, led by a Frenchman, has been ordered to Sarajevo by General Jean Cot, the overall UN commander, to investigate allegations of corruption among UN troops.....Page 10

Patten in new row

John Patten was at the centre of a new row over the rationing of university places yesterday after he advised students to consider degree courses at further education colleges. He played down reports of well-qualified school-leavers being turned away by universities .....Page 5

Peking riposte

Peking has denounced as "unjustifiable" an American decision to impose on China $500 million in sanctions in response to Chinese missiles sales to PakistanPage 11

Child star joins Jackson enquiry

■ The reputation and career of Michael Jackson, the world's most successful pop superstar, is in tatters after mounting allegations of child sex abuse. The investigation has now widened, with six minors being questioned by police, including the child film actor Macaulay Culkin, who is known to have been befriended by Jackson .....Page 3

SIMON WALKER



Seven of the 19 girls at Chelmsford County High School who got ten 'A' GCSEs this year. From left: Mary Argent, Philippa Jevons, Lee'ann Connell, Kumari Manickasamy and Monica Ma. Almost half the 95 candidates won at least eight 'A's Page 1

BUSINESS

Volkswagen: Prosecutors raided the German car company's headquarters and several private residences in a hunt for documents allegedly taken from General Motors and its German Adam-Opel subsidiary.....Page 21

Economy: The Bundesbank left its key interest rates unchanged but markets believe European interest will soon be cut.....Page 21

Markets: The FT-SE 100 closed unchanged at 3079.2 after heavy American buying wiped out earlier losses. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 80.2 to 80.7 after a rise from $1.4798 to $1.4960 and a slight fall from DM2.5028 to DM2.5009.....Page 24

SPORT

Football: Peter Reid, who signed a three-year contract this summer, has been dismissed as manager of Manchester City. The Maine Road club is now seeking to make its 11th managerial appointment in 20 years .....Page 40

Racing: The findings of a full-scale review of security measures at Aintree racecourse are expected to reinforce changes to the starting procedure in ensuring there is no repeat of this year's Grand National fiasco .....Page 37

Rugby league: Christopher Irvine looks forward to the start of the new season today as the sport pays the bills for the extravangances of the 1980s .....Page 35

FEATURES

Bête noire: Janet Malcolm has managed to enrage, at some point, just about everyone in the American literary world. Ben Macintyre reports.....Page 12

Mole learns to write: Abandoned by Bianca, our hero heads for Greece. The final extract from Sue Townsend's comic tale .....Page 12

MOTORING

Mobile homes: Everything, plus the kitchen sink: thousands of Britons take their caravans across the Channel each summer. Vaughan Freeman reports .....Page 33

Hill start: If only Hannibal had a Land Rover: The 4x4 legend takes to the hills.....Page 33

ARTS

Rock on Friday: The surest way to ensure a song is a hit these days is to get it put on the soundtrack of a big movie; Alan Jackson looks into the backroom deals. Plus, a new album from the Pogues; and Siouxsie and the Banshees in concert .....Page 29

Germans in Edinburgh: At the festival a new production of Gerturde Stein's *Doctor Faustus Lights the Lights*, performed by the Hebbel Theater of Berlin, is as puzzling as it is entrancing .....Page 28

Troubled children: Marlene Dumas' new exhibition at the ICA in London is dominated by disturbing paintings of babies and small children.....Page 27

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Peter Swales, chairman of Manchester City football club, who has sacked Peter Reid, his tenth manager in 20 years with the club
Page 40



Canon Anthony Harvey, a senior clergyman at Westminster Abbey, says the church should re-examine its opposition to extra-marital sex
Page 1



Dr Mukesh Kapila, a senior British medical adviser, speaking at the Foreign Office about the £10 million medical aid package for Bosnia
Page 10

THE TIMES TOMORROW

First night nerves

■ How will English National Opera shape up under its new management? Richard Morrison reviews the opening night of the season

Bricks and mortar board

■ The first part of a survey by *The Times* into how the housing market is being affected by parents seeking the best local schools

Europe's new slave trade

■ In the Magazine Mark Fuller reports from The Netherlands, where women from the former Eastern bloc are the latest prisoners of the slave trade

FEATURES

The symbolism of tall buildings, from castles to skyscrapers and tower blocks, is unpretentiously explored in the last of the series *Architecture of the Imagination* (BBC2, 9.30pm) .....Page 39

OPINION

Policing the peace

It does grave damage to the cause of peace to have UN troops bracketed, as they are becoming in Sarajevo, with the criminal underworld of a city rendered anarchic by a siege which is already the world's shame .....Page 15

Medical mistakes

The only check on personal error or dogmatism in medical treatment is the constant vigilance of experienced colleagues .....Page 15

No further

Unless fresh funds are found, thousands of well-qualified school-leavers will be denied higher education, and this summer's embarrassments will become an annual ritual. By evading this fundamental problem, Mr Patten is merely storing up problems for himself. Page 15

OBITUARIES

BERNARD LEVIN

No other composer goes down into such dark and forbidden chasms in the earth, nor up into such blinding brightnesses in the sky. Who could it be? .....Page 14

JAMES LE FANU

Specialists units like those at the Birmingham bone tumour unit are yet another casualty of the internal market in health fostered by government policy. The newly empowered managers, obsessed with "throughput" and "outcomes", look askance at the considerable funds required to deal with medical conditions that are very rare and expensive .....Page 14

LETTERS

Is schizophrenia more common in minority groups? .....Page 15

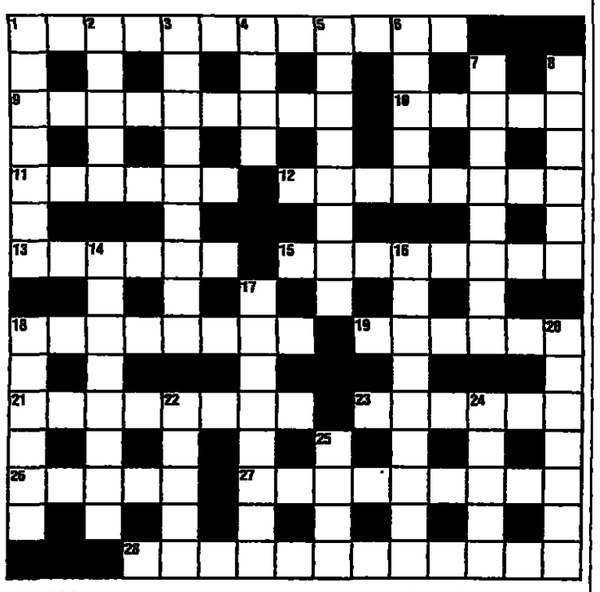
THE TIMES DIARY

Perhaps at this late stage all those grieving for the disaster visited upon Nicaragua's people could combine their resources to pension off the Sandinista leadership to some more congenial venue, say, Baghdad — *Wall Street Journal*

And now this Bosnian war has become a kind of supermarket in which countries and newspapers think they can choose the wounded who will most touch voters

— *La Repubblica*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,320



ACROSS

1 Casualty royal forces couldn't help after shell burst (6,6).
9 Poorly instructed girl fully stretched, we hear (9).
10 Island's business restricted by return of capital (5).
11 Cover for man in politically sensitive area (6).
12 Juvenile with kite, a pretty girl (8).
13 Contracted a poor actor in place of fools, apparently (6).
15 Refreshing drinks for workers at last? Nonsense! (8).
18 Louis VI certainly wasn't contemplative (8).
19 Bones found in Turkish city (6).
21 Be followed by flower-girl in brisk fashion (8).
23 Not just ugly? (6).
26 He made engravings of French king and queen (5).
27 Name a dreadful nag? Exactly! (9).
28 State's popular reform of the law (12).

DOWN

1 In German city, ring for a hat (7).
2 Artistic old lady making a profit, so to speak (5).
3 Traffic sign's distinctive feature (9).
4 Appreciates accommodation (4).
5 Find similar wood for a small container (8).
6 Leave after using last of that fabric (5).
7 Drawing instruments — likely to be rulers? (8).
8 It inspires pity in quiet Dumas hero (6).
14 Article about one jolly sort of roguish activity (8).
16 Inspiration could make one view a barn differently (9).
17 Grey mare's last rider, for one, was a slave (5,3).
18 Informed about steel centre, old city in Spain (6).
20 Extend in time (7).
22 The dignified part of popular government (5).
24 Something that might save face, we hear, could be an advantage (5).
25 Look around St. Paul's for his monument (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,319

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WEATHER

Northwestern Scotland will be cloudy with drizzle. Other parts of Scotland should be dry with sunny spells developing. Northern Ireland will be dry with sunny spells once mist and low cloud have dispersed. Some light showers near the southern North Sea and in the Channel Islands. Otherwise, England and Wales will be dry with sunny spells after a grey and misty start. Outlook: cloud and rain will spread south from Scotland.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	30	86	f	Madrid	22	72	f
Alicante	29	84	s	Majorca	28	84	f
Alex'dria	29	84	c	Malaga	28	79	f
Algiers	27	81	f	Malta	32	90	s
Amst'dm	17	63	f	Melb'rne	18	64	s
Athens	34	93	s	Miami*	23	73	r
Bahrain	39	102	s	Milan	28	82	c
Bangkok	33	91	t	Montreal*	29	84	f
Barbados*	31	88	f	Moscow	13	55	c
Barcelona	22	72	f	Munich	17	63	c
Beirut	28	82	f	Nairobi	22	72	c
Belgrade	18	64	r	Naples	32	90	s
Berlin	16	61	c	N Delhi	35	95	s
Bermuda*	29	84	f	N York*	32	90	s
Biarritz	21	70	c	Nice	26	77	s
Borde'x	23	73	f	Oslo	15	59	f
Brussels	17	63	f	Paris	20	68	f
Budapst	20	68	f	Peking	31	88	s
B Aires*	24	75	s	Perth	15	59	f
Cairo	34	93	s	Prague	16	61	f
Cape Tn	16	61	c	Reykjavik	13	55	f
Chicago*	30	86	s	Rhodes	32	90	s
Ch'church	17	63	s	Rio de J	26	79	f
Cologne	15	59	c	Riyadh	41	106	s
C'phagn	17	63	s	Rome	29	84	f
Corfu	31	88	s	Salzburg	14	57	c
Dublin	17	63	f	S Fr'isco*	23	73	s
Dubrovnik	32	90	c	Santiago*	21	70	s
Faro	33	72	f	S Paulo*	22	72	s
Florence	30	86	f	Seoul	28	82	s
Frankfurt	20	68	f	Sing'por	25	77	f
Funchal	23	73	f	St'kholm	14	57	f
Geneva	18	64	c	Strasb'rg	20	68	s
Gibraltar	25	77	f	Sydney	19	66	s
Helsinki	13	55	f	Tangier	23	73	f
Hong K	32	90	s	Tel Aviv	31	88	s
Innsbrck	15	59	c	Tenerife	25	77	f
Istanbul	28	82	s	Tokyo	25	77	f
Jeddah	35	95	c	Toronto*	30	86	s
Jo'burg*	19	66	f	Tunis	35	95	s
Karachi	33	91	f	Valencia	30	86	s
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Lisbon	19	66	r	Vienna	18	64	f
Locarno	26	79	s	Warsaw	17	63	c
L Angels*	23	73	s	Wash'ton*	33	91	s
Luxembg	17	63	s	Wellington	15	59	s
Luxor	38	100	s	Zurich	17	63	c

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6pm, 53 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.9hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,021.1 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Northolt, London 19C (66F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland 11C (52F); highest rainfall, Kirkwall, Orkney 0.4in; highest sunshine Jersey 13.1hr

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.8hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.4hr

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.4	0.13	13	55	shower
Anglesey	5.2	-	17	63	bright
Aviemore	0.9	0.11	12	54	rain
Belfast	1.8	-	15	59	cloudy
Birmingham	3.8	-	18	61	bright
Bognor Regis	9.7	-	18	64	sunny
Bournemouth	10.0	-	18	64	sunny
Bristol	4.9	-	17	63	sunny
Buxton	1.9	-	13	55	cloudy
Cardiff	6.9	-	17	63	sunny
Clacton	4.5	-	18	64	sunny
Colwyn Bay	2.2	0.01	15	59	cloudy
Cromer	0.7	-	17	63	cloudy
Eastbourne	7.3	-	18	64	sunny
Edinburgh	2.6	0.01	16	61	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	4.9	-	16	61	bright
Exmouth	7.9	-	17	63	sunny
Folkestone	8.9	-	17	63	sunny
Guernsey	11.9	-	18	64	sunny
Hastings	8.8	-	17	63	sunny
Hunstanton	1.3	-	15	59	cloudy
Isle of Man	5.7	-	15	59	sunny
Jersey	13.1	-	18	64	sunny
Kinloss	2.4	0.18	13	55	shower
Leeds	1.4	-	18	64	cloudy
Lerwick	5.9	0.05	13	55	shower
Littlehampton	9.4	-	18	64	sunny
Liverpool	0.8	-	15	59	cloudy
London	5.2	-	18	64	sunny
Lowestoft	3.8	0.01	18	64	sunny
Margate	7.5	-	18	64	sunny
Morecambe	1.7	-	17	63	cloudy
Newcastle	0.4	0.01	14	57	cloudy
Newquay	9.9	-	16	61	sunny
Nottingham	3.9	-	16	61	sunny
Plymouth	8.1	-	19	66	sunny
Poole	7.7	-	18	64	bright
Salcombe	9.4	-	18	64	sunny
Sandown	9.4	-	18	64	sunny
Scarborough	0.4	-	13	55	dull
Scilly Isles	11.0	-	17	63	sunny
Shanklin	9.1	-	18	64	sunny
Southend	1.3	-	18	64	cloudy
Southsea	9.2	-	18	64	sunny
Stornoway	1.8	0.01	13	55	drizzle
Swanage	8.7	-	17	63	sunny
Teignmouth	8.2	-	19	66	sunny
Tenby	4.6	-	16	61	cloudy
Tiree	2.9	-	14	57	cloudy
Torquay	9.1	-	19	66	sunny
Wick	4.2	0.38	13	55	bright

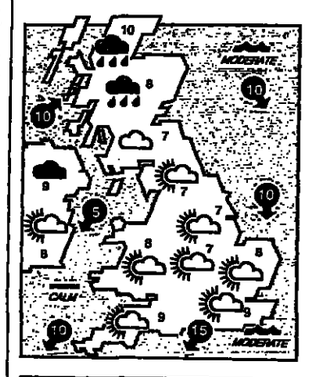
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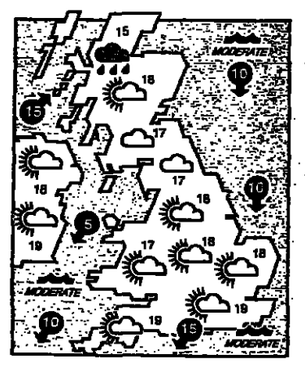
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Australia $	2.31	2.11
Austria Sch	18.84	17.14
Belgium Fr	55.93	51.53
Canada $	2.066	1.908
Cyprus Cyp£	0.787	0.737
Denmark Kr	10.85	10.05
Finland Mkk	9.260	8.484
France Fr	9.17	8.47
Germany Dm	2.65	2.44
Greece Dr	366.07	341.07
Hong Kong $	12.16	11.16
Ireland Pt	1.11	1.03
Italy Lire	2464.75	2309.75
Japan Yen	174.14	154.64
Netherlands Gld	2.970	2.740
Norway Kr	11.44	10.84
Portugal Esc	265.10	246.60
South Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	207.43	193.43
Sweden Kr	12.81	11.81
Switzerland Fr	2.33	2.15
Turkey Lira	18000	17000
USA $	1.584	1.454

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.28 pm to 5.35 am
Bristol 8.38 pm to 5.45 am
Edinburgh 8.50 pm to 5.37 am
Manchester 8.41 pm to 5.39 am
Penzance 8.47 pm to 5.59 am

Sun rises: 6.05 am
Sun sets: 7.58 pm
Moon sets: 1.06 am
Moon rises: 5.25 pm

Full moon September 1

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

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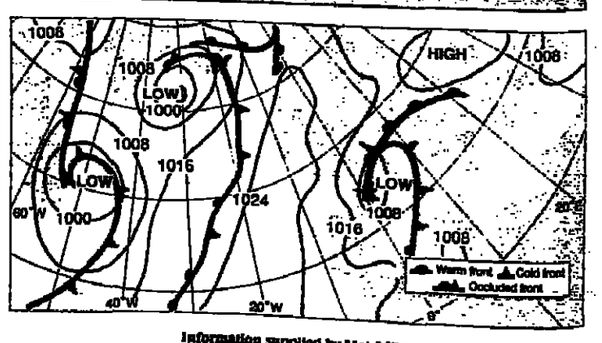
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Belfast	15	59	c	Guernsey	15	59	s
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Blackpool	14	57	f	Jersey	17	63	s
Bristol	15	59	c	London	18	61	f
Cardiff	17	63	s	M'nchster	15	59	c
Edinburgh	15	59	f	Newcastle	12	54	r
Glasgow	17	63	f	R'nldsway	14	57	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.15	6.0	11.04	6.1
Aberdeen	10.46	3.4	11.03	3.5
Avonmouth	3.26	9.9	4.14	10.3
Belfast	8.06	3.0	8.34	3.1
Cardiff	3.11	9.3	3.59	9.6
Devonport	—	—	—	—
Dover	8.02	5.4	8.44	5.5
Falmouth	1.50	4.1	2.22	4.3
Glasgow	9.04	4.1	10.14	4.2
Harwich	8.23	3.3	9.16	3.4
Holyhead	7.43	4.5	8.10	4.7
Hull	2.49	6.1	3.51	6.0
Ilfracombe	2.31	6.9	3.19	7.2
King's Lynn	3.03	5.0	4.00	5.2
Leith	11.47	4.6	—	—

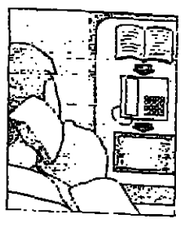
TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	8.14	7.4	8.48	7.8
Lowestoft	6.05	2.1	7.13	2.2
Margate	8.28	4.0	9.27	4.1
Milford Haven	2.55	5.2	3.40	5.5
Newquay	1.54	5.3	2.38	5.6
Oban	—	—	—	—
Penzance	1.35	4.3	2.05	4.5
Portland	—	—	—	—
Portsmouth	—	—	—	—
Shoreham	8.03	4.8	8.38	4.9
Southampton	8.19	3.9	8.40	3.9
Swansea	2.45	7.2	3.29	7.4
Tees	12.13	4.4	1.07	4.4
Wilton-on-Nze	8.26	3.5	9.12	3.8

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US $ ..... 1.4960 (+0.0162)
German mark .... 2.5009 (-0.0019)
Exchange index ..... 80.7 (+0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 3079.2 (same)
Dow Jones ..... 3643.71 (-8.38)*
Nikkei Avge 20591.76 (+70.31)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... .. 5⅞-5¹³/₁₆%
US Federal Funds..... .. .. 3¹/₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills.. 2 99-2.97%*
Long Bond 6.16%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£ $	1.5077*	£:$	1.5125
$:DM	1.6685*	£:DM	2.6236
$:SWfr.	1.4680*	£:SWfr	2.2233
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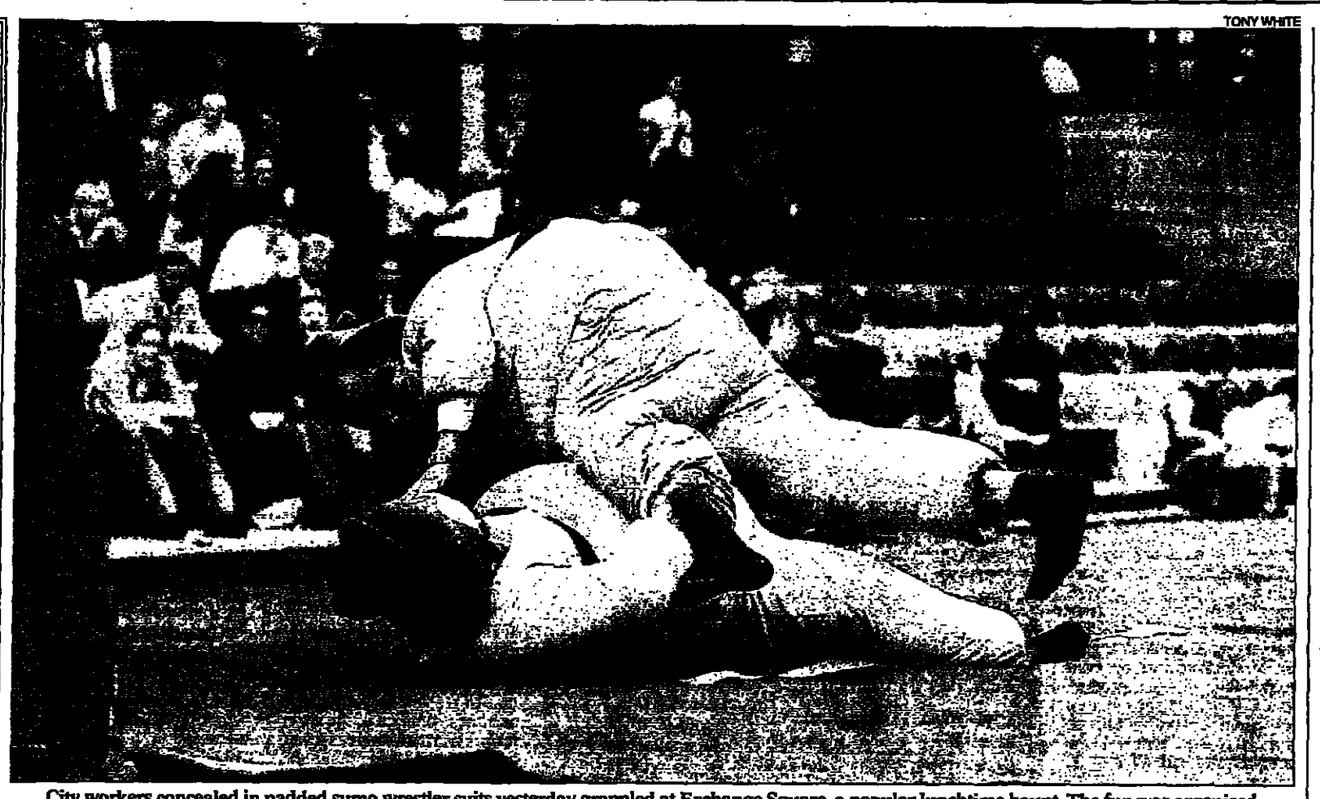
London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($)
AM 371 60 ..... PM 371.25
Close 366.60-367.10
New York:
Comex 368.55-369.05*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 140 7 July (1.4%)
* Denotes midday trading price



TONY WHITE

City workers concealed in padded sumo wrestler suits yesterday grappled at Exchange Square, a popular lunchtime haunt. The fun was organised by Kozo Ono, head of Yamaichi Bank (UK), who said: "It was a way of seeing the lighter side of City life." Wrestling resumes this lunchtime.

Bundesbank defies calls for cut in interest rates

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

EUROPEAN stock and bond markets reeled in initial reaction to news that the Bundesbank had unexpectedly left its official rates unchanged yesterday, but markets soon recovered on the firmly held belief that European interest rates are heading lower anyway.

The mark strengthened on the news that the key discount rate had been left unchanged at 6.75 per cent and the Lombard rate at 7.75 per cent. Exchange-rate mechanism currencies such as the French and Belgian francs and the Danish krone slid but the reaction was limited and market conditions were calm.

Sterling recovered some ground, holding its own against the mark and recouping nearly two cents against the dollar. Its trade weighted index ended at 80.7 compared with its opening at 80.4 and close on Wednesday of 80.2. The stock market, which was weak even before the Bundesbank news came out, recovered swiftly on futures buying and the FT-SE 100 ended unchanged on the previous close at 3,079.2.

The markets' conviction that lower interest rates are on the agenda throughout Europe, however slow Germany is in easing its monetary policy, was illustrated when the September 10-year futures contract on the French bond market hit an all-time high after the Bundesbank's decision.

John Hall, of Swiss Bank, said: "Everyone thinks that rates are coming down, it is perfectly obvious. So why sell on a short-term disappointment?".

It is clear from the Bundesbank's inaction yesterday that, following the widening of ERM bands this month, Germany is now free to pursue domestic policy priorities, as are its European partners.

Some economists argued that the gradualism of Germany's monetary easing could force some European countries to go it alone on interest rates and accept the risk that their currencies may weaken.

All the signs are that Europe's policy makers remain determined to pursue a policy of holding currencies near to their old narrow ERM bands against the mark and cutting interest rates gradually, in order to cling to their monetary credibility and plans for European Monetary Union.

Mr Hall of Swiss Bank argued that money market interest rates can be cut considerably around Europe without immediate cuts in official rates, which will come as soon as the Bundesbank cuts its key rates.

The Bundesbank's caution on lowering interest rates, given consumer price inflation still above 4 per cent and above-target M3 money supply growth, likely to be boosted as the effects of foreign exchange intervention are factored in, flies in the face of obvious distress in the Germany economy.

Some economists believe that the depressed state of the real economy make a September 9 cut likely. Others say the Bundesbank may wait for another month when M3 money supply is no longer so distorted by the effects of foreign exchange intervention during the ERM tensions.

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Volkswagen HQ raided in enquiry on espionage

BY GEORGE SIVELL, ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

GERMAN public prosecutors have searched Volkswagen's headquarters in Wolfsburg and the homes of several of the car company's employees. The action was the latest twist in a three-month investigation into allegations of industrial espionage.

The Darmstadt prosecutors' office is in charge of investigating allegations against José Ignacio López de Arriortúa, who left General Motors this year to become VW's purchasing and production chief. Señor López, and staff who moved with him, have been accused of taking confidential GM information.

The raids were carried out on the day VW announced a first-half loss of 1.41 billion marks, against a DM987 million profit last time. The company promised profits in the second half, after heavy cost cutting by Señor López.

Georg Nauth, one of the prosecutors, said one object of the searches, carried out by about 40 officials, was to find documents from GM and its Adam Opel subsidiary that allegedly ended up with VW. He said prosecutors had delayed making searches until it became clear where they should be carried out and what should be looked for.

Herr Nauth said: "In the investigation against López and others, the Darmstadt public prosecutors' office carried out simultaneous searches at a total of eight sites, partly at offices and partly at private premises, on the basis of a search warrant [signed] by a judge."

VW said the searches were a normal part of investigations by the prosecutors and the company continued to stand by Señor López, who has denied the allegations. "VW welcomes the progress in the investigations by the public prosecutors here in Wolfsburg." it stated. "We will support the investigation with the means available to us and will do everything to allow the situation to be clarified as soon as possible."

VW has continued to back Señor López publicly after an internal enquiry found no evidence of the theft of Opel documents by staff now working at VW or of the presence of such documents at its headquarters. On August 6, however, VW conceded that potentially sensitive GM papers had turned up in the town of Wiesbaden and at its guesthouse in Wolfsburg. They had been destroyed by former GM employees to prevent them being distributed at VW, it said.



López: accused

Two weeks ago, after allegations that Opel papers had been fed into VW computers, Volkswagen commissioned an independent investigation by KPMG Deutsche Treuhand, the audit firm.

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CBI raises growth forecast

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Confederation of British Industry has raised its forecast of economic growth this year and next after a survey of members suggested recovery is stronger than expected.

The upbeat tone of the July monthly trends enquiry is surprising after a warning from the employers' organisation a month ago of concern at the "sustainability of the recovery."

Last month, the CBI said, demand improved and firms signal-led rising output for the eighth month in a row. Order books are at their best level for three and a half years. Export orders, although weaker than May and June, were no worse than July, and inflationary pressure remained weak.

Andrew Sentance, the CBI's economics director and a member of the independent advisory panel to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said the findings were "very encouraging in terms of competitiveness and in terms of the functioning of the economy."

Despite his warning that the pace of recovery "remains uncertain," the CBI has drawn on the survey findings to upgrade its economic forecast for the next 18 months. This year, the CBI believes, Britain's gross domestic product is set to rise by 1.7 per cent, up from 1.6 per cent expected in May.

More encouraging still, in 1994, the CBI says, growth will reach 3 per cent, against 2.6 per cent forecast earlier. "The outlook for the economy over the remainder of this year and next is for steady growth accompanied by low inflation," Dr Sentance said.

Company profits are already enjoying a strong resurgence, the CBI believes, with an average rise of 9.4 per cent likely this year, with a 4.1 per cent increase to follow in 1994.

The truly independent central bank



ANTHONY HARRIS

The non-event in Frankfurt is good news, for a time, for equity investors and bad news, in a way, for everyone else. In the long run, it is more complicated. Share traders explained on Wednesday that prices had risen because of the expected German rate cut. When it didn't happen, they believed their own propaganda and marked prices down. But that simply attracted buyers, especially from New York, so prices rose back to square one.

They are now poised to rise again next time the Bundesbank doesn't cut rates. You could hardly wish for a neater proof that this is a money-driven market; such markets respond only to good news. It could still rise a good way before it boils over; but keep your parachute strapped on.

In the real world, the Bundesbank's display of provincialism — for it is really the presidents of the Landesbanks who set the tone — is hardly surprising, given their record. You can even construct a plausible conspiracy theory. Buba would like to take the mark out of the ERM for a period, but was frustrated at the ERM crisis meeting. Very well: force everyone else to drop out. In any case, reassert Buba's independence: the voters like it, and if the government does not, so much the better. This is clearly a political setback for those, like French premier Edouard Balladur, and perhaps Chancellor Kohl, who hoped the drive to a little version of economic and monetary union, limited to the core European economies, could soon be remounted despite the current trouble in the ERM.

Just substitute political commitment for the absurd Maastricht convergence criteria, and get on with it. The trouble is that Buba, being truly independent, has no political commitment — a corresponding relief to those whose nightmare is a two-speed Europe. But were these hopes and fears ever realistic? A two-speed Europe is a fact, not a nightmare, but not in the sense in which the phrase is normally used. It is the core countries that are in recession, the supposedly benighted countries outside that have some hope of recovery. For the same reason, a little EMU might soon have been in crisis, for there is already vocal opposition to the Buba approach in France and Belgium. The council meeting of the EMU central bank would certainly have been tense. Meanwhile signs are growing that much of European industry, especially German industry, is far from ready for Maastricht-style convergence.

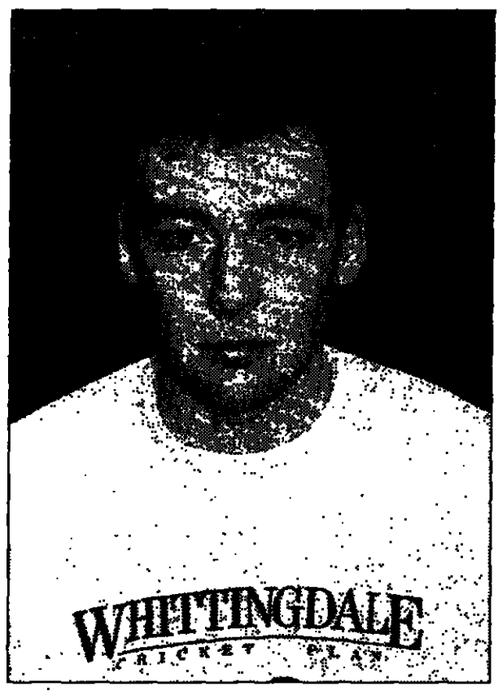
Daimler-Benz gave the latest demonstration this week. Its rationalisation package, which includes 14,000 redundancies, with more to come, also features a wholesale attack on hallowed welfare payments. This is as near as one company struggling for competitiveness can get to its own Maastricht opt-out.

In the longer run, the outlook for much of German manufacturing looks grim, unless you assume the mark's present strength is a temporary reflection of monetary policy. This dilemma is theoretically soluble within an ERM; within an EMU only layoffs and pay cuts can restore margins. In the longer run, capital flows would also pose a problem — not the speculative currency tides M Balladur would reportedly like to dam, but long-term flows of industrial investment.

American experience shows that in the long run, investment flows are determined mainly by tax rates. Comparatively high welfare provisions in New York City, and demanding environmental standards in California, have transformed these two centres — the US equivalent of the EC core countries — into the new depressed areas. Low cost, low tax States like Colorado, Arizona and the Carolinas now enjoy something like boom conditions, despite continued doubts about the US recovery.

This suggests that the EC core could be suffering from something much more insidious than a setback caused by German re-unification. They have over-inflated their social overhead; add the costs of a much enhanced EC regional policy — the minimum condition for a durable EMU — and something would have to give. A really tight core, such as the old Pöhl project involving Germany, Benelux, Austria and Switzerland, might be able to adapt. The bigger the core, the bigger the headaches. France may yet learn to thank the Bundesbank for the gift of delay.

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Famous names in Germany disclose price of recession

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

■ A strong mark and weakening demand in Germany and the rest of Europe is squeezing profits and forcing companies to cut costs, jobs and investment

GERMAN industry yesterday counted the cost of recession, with profits hit, thousands of jobs lost, and no end in sight to the economic downturn.

On the day that the Bundesbank held key interest rates unchanged, refusing to ease its tough monetary stance, Volkswagen disclosed that it had fallen deep into the red, and two bellwethers of German industry, BASF and Bayer, announced a substantial decline in profitability. In addition, the tyre maker Continental said that business was far worse than had been expected a few months ago.

Volkswagen, Germany's biggest car manufacturer, dogged by controversy over the appointment of José Ignacio López de Arriortúa as production director, confirmed net losses of DM1.60 billion for the six months to the end of June, against profits of DM445 million in the first half of 1992. Operating losses were DM1.41 billion, against a DM987 million profit.

The company has said that it aims to break even this year, and last week it reported a DM70 million parent profit in July, its first positive monthly result in 12 months.

Car deliveries in the six months fell by 17.7 per cent to 1.48 million, but Volkswagen said it expected them to reach 3.2 million in the full year.

BASF, the German chemicals giant, disclosed that it plans to cut a further 4,000 jobs in 1994, to add to the 20,000 lost since 1989. The latest round of cuts will concentrate on Germany.

Juergen Strube, the chairman, said that BASF needed to cut its fixed costs by another DM1 billion over the next two years to try to increase its competitiveness. BASF trimmed DM350 million from its fixed costs in the first half of this year. "An increase in personnel costs in Germany is not acceptable in the next few years, as the revaluation of the German mark has further accentuated the existing cost disadvantages in international competition," he said.

Yesterday, BASF said that interim pre-tax profits fell by 50.3 per cent to DM483 million, from DM972 million. Sales declined 6.6 per cent to DM20.85 billion and the company said that orders gave it no reason to suggest that the end of recession was in sight.

There would be "no improvement" in business in the second half. Deliveries of chemicals, synthetics, fibres and agrochemicals were being affected by overcapacity, falling demand in Europe, and "a sometimes destructive competition that includes dumping prices from Eastern European nations", the company said.

Bayer, another chemicals group, said that it expected full-year profits to fall by almost 20 per cent, blaming the appreciation of the German mark and weakening demand for its products.

In the first half of the year, Bayer saw pre-tax profits fall 19.6 per cent to DM1.11 billion. It intends to cut investment spending this year to DM3.1 billion (DM3.3 billion).

Continental, the tyre maker, added to the mood of despondency, saying that business was worse than it had expected a few months ago. The group announced that first-half pre-tax profit had plunged to DM31.3 million, from DM118.7 million in the first half of last year.

"Business is worse than we had expected earlier this year especially for tyres and technical products in Europe, where sales and prices were unsatisfactory," the company said.

Continental suffered from falling new car sales in every European country except Britain. It was hit hard in its home market by a 25 per cent drop in car production and by even steeper falls in truck production. Continental said that its new car tyre sales in Europe dropped by 8 per cent and new van tyre sales had fallen by 20 per cent.

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ALAN WELLER



John Church is optimistic about improvements

Church puts best foot forward in Britain

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

CHURCH & Co, the footwear and clothing group founded in 1873, senses that the recession in Britain is coming to an end.

Although the group ran up losses in France, America and Canada in the first half of 1993, a strong performance in Britain led to more than doubled pre-tax profits of £565,000 (£244,000) for the six months to June 30. Turnover rose from £29.9 million to £33.1 million. The interim dividend remains at 3p.

John Church, chairman, says that trading conditions at home are showing signs of improvement.

Church's product range covers all market segments, with prices ranging from about £24 for a pair of children's shoes to £170 for a pair of men's.

A new Church store was opened in March in New Bond Street, where trading has been encouraging.

A Jones & Sons, the wholly-owned subsidiary trading under its own name at about 100 retail outlets achieved pre-tax profit of £279,000 in the half year, against a 1992 interim pre-tax loss of £26,000. A Jones expects the improvement seen in the first half to be maintained for the rest of 1993.

Mr Church says that he is cautiously optimistic about group prospects. Trading conditions in Britain are showing signs of improvement, but he does not expect any significant upturn in continental Europe or North America in the short term. The trend towards lower interest rates throughout the world must, in due course, benefit all of the group's established markets, he says.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Alfred McAlpine loss deepens at half time

POOR trading conditions in the construction market continue to depress earnings at Alfred McAlpine despite signs of a housing recovery. Interim pre-tax losses rose from £71,000 to £2.5 million in the six months to April 30 after a rise in the interest charge from £900,000 to £1.9 million. The interim dividend is maintained at 3p. McAlpine sold 593 homes in the six months, 124 more than last year. Operating profit rose from £1.3 million to £2 million but the company says recovery is slowing.

Sales in the second half are expected to be at higher prices, with fewer units for housing associations. Turnover in the construction division fell almost 10 per cent to £148 million and the operating loss increased to £1.7 million (£0.4 million). The sale of a pipeline business in the first half resulted in a loss of £750,000 and restructuring costs as well as pressure on margins are expected to hit the second half.

Weir Group orders slip

ORDER bookings at Weir Group, the Glasgow engineering concern, slipped in the second quarter of the 1993 financial year, leaving first-half orders at similar levels to those of the second half of 1992. After an exceptional charge of £2.43 million for reorganisation costs, pre-tax profits for the 26 weeks to July 2 fell to £16.8 million from £18.5 million previously. Turnover was £223.6 million (£194.8 million) and the interim dividend is 1.925p (1.75p).

Pentland's US closure

PENTLAND Group, the sportswear distributor, is to close its American trade finance subsidiary after bad debts took their toll of group interim profits to end-June 1993. At the pre-tax level, they fell sharply from £19.7 million to £6.7 million. There is a £6.7 million provision for the costs of the closure. Despite the fall in profits, the interim dividend has been lifted from 1.04p to 1.16p. This comes on top of the special 12p interim paid in April.

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EC inflation rate rises

THE annual inflation rate in the EC rose to 3.5 per cent in July from 3.3 per cent in June, the first rise for more than a year, the Community's statistical office said. But it remained below the 3.9 per cent of a year ago. There were marked increases in inflation in Belgium, The Netherlands and Portugal and smaller rises in Luxembourg, Italy, Spain, Germany and France. Inflation in Britain was 1.4 per cent, up from 1.2 per cent but down from 3.7 per cent a year ago.

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Nth America	252.20	268.30	+0.50	...
Far East	324.40	345.10	+4.20	0.18
Europe	250.00	266.00	+0.70	0.78
General Inc	457.50	486.90	-1.30	2.28
-do- Acc	502.00	534.10	-1.40	2.28
Brit Excell	68.25	72.61	-0.37	2.33
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Exempt	87.95	90.21†	...	3.50
German Growth	69.65	73.12	+0.05	0.70
Global Growth	114.30	122.63	+0.70	.
Japan Growth	211.40	226.30	+3.10	
Japan Sunrise	164.40	197.40	+1.80	..
Portfolio	126.50	135.10†	-0.10	3.20
-do- Acc	227.10	243.00	-0.10	3.20
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-do- Inc	61.62	65.91†	+1.06	..
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Recovery	44.92	48.29	-0.22	2.32
German	45.50	49.78	+0.76	0.08
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North American	94.50	101.60	-0.10	..
Global	92.40	98.82	-0.12	0.61
European	78.64	84.11	-0.15	0.62
Japan	121.80	130.30	+1.20	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	61.62	65.20	-0.26	5.85
UK Cap Gwth	87.00	93.05	-0.21	1.81
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	138.60	147.50	+1.10	0.22
-do- Acc	147.30	156.50	+1.10	0.22
European	71.95	76.16†	+0.17	0.76
-do- Acc	75.40	79.93	+0.19	0.76
Far East Gen	70.89	75.42	+0.64	...
-do- Acc	70.89	75.42	+0.64	...
Glenfriars	70.16	74.64†	-0.18	2.54
-do- Acc	79.25	84.31	+0.07	2.54
Growth	405.10	433.30†	+0.80	2.15
-do- Acc	702.90	751.40	+1.50	2.15
Income Growth	402.50	428.20†	-1.60	3.61
-do- Acc	546.80	581.80	+2.30	3.61
Master Portfolio	10144.0	10522.0†	+33.00	2.01
-do- Acc	11816.0	12258.0	+39.00	2.01
Special Sits	92.90	98.83†	+0.21	2.11
-do- Acc	109.81	116.82	+0.24	2.11
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1306.0	1347.0	-2.00	4.05
-do- Acc	1541.0	1589.0	-2.00	4.05
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	198.10	211.10	-1.20	1.56
Capital	574.80	613.40	-2.10	2.21
Eurotrack 100	142.80	152.10	+0.10	1.36
Euro Gth	91.59	97.66	-0.37	0.86
Far East Growth	100.40	107.20	-1.20	...
Global Bond	24.27	25.58†	...	5.84
Hong Kong	86.98	92.83	+1.01	0.64
Income	549.90	586.90	-1.50	3.73
Intl Growth	77.89	83.13	-0.22	0.17
Japan Growth	297.00	317.00	+1.00	.
Japan Smllr Cos	37.65	40.18	+0.12	...
Japan Index	86.21	92.01	+0.23	0.23
Nth American	453.60	484.10	-3.30	0.45
S pore Mly Gth	62.44	66.64	+0.31	...
The Footsie Fd	114.20	120.60	-0.40	2.55
Tiger Index	155.80	166.30	+1.00	0.59
Tridle Index	113.40	121.00†	+0.20	2.08
UK Index	131.80	140.70†	-0.30	2.85
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	88.30	94.31	-1.00	1.05
European P folio	81.55	87.10	-0.36	0.98
Japanese P folio	71.29	75.82	...	...
Pacific P folio	111.31	119.69	...	1.08
Cazenove P folio	77.14	82.51	-0.05	2.03
UK Income Gth	69.77	74.74	+0.13	4.58
Utility & Bond	54.93	55.71	+0.12	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	618.22	619.95	...	4.81
Fixed Int	159.75	160.00	...	9.06
Deposit	5.60		...	5.72
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	613.51	621.79	...	4.81
-do- Acc	2436.6	2464.9	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	5.61	...
Fxd Int Inc	129.80	130.06	...	8.92
-do- Acc	177.10	177.45	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	67.46	71.01	..	2.13
Beckman Intl	88.13	93.06	..	2.85
Friars Hse Inc	189.29	203.54	..	5.73
Friars Hse Cap	264.80	284.83	..	2.56
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Income	153.43	163.22	-0.40	3.46
Equity Incom Acc	507.94	540.36	-1.29	3.46
Fixed & Convert	43.59	46.37	+0.04	6.12
Fixed & Conv Acc	116.52	124.28	+0.12	6.12
Monthly Income	51.49	54.79	+0.05	6.90
Preference	50.53	53.76	-1.05	6.20
Preference Acc	264.47	281.35	-5.51	6.30
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	127.15	135.22	-0.22	3.99
High Yield Acc	488.88	520.09	-0.88	3.99
Managed Fund	66.42	70.66	..	3.14
Managed Fd Acc	81.13	86.31	+0.01	3.14
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	40.03	42.59	+0.13	1.44
Smaller Cos Acc	45.45	48.35	+0.15	1.44
UK & General	73.32	78.00	-0.35	2.37
UK & General Acc	90.98	96.66	-0.43	2.37
UK Growth	125.74	133.77	-0.60	1.81
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	168.59	179.36	+0.35	0.78
Far East Growth	117.00	124.47	+1.38	..
Global Bond	89.01	94.57	+0.75	5.02
Gold & Comm	62.73	66.73	+0.91	..
Japan Growth	128.61	136.82	+1.35	..
North America	156.21	166.18	+0.73	0.07
Oriental Growth	62.69	66.69	+0.66	0.20
W wide Growth	62.55	66.90	+0.30	0.18
-do- Acc	65.26	69.80	+0.32	0.18
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.03	93.03	+0.01	5.15
Deposit Fund Acc	93.03	93.03	+0.01	5.15
Quilter Fund	129.48	137.74	-0.79	2.37
Quilter Fund Acc	145.26	154.53	-0.88	2.37
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD				
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	64.64	68.77	+0.29	1.82
-do- Acc	72.97	77.53	+0.32	1.82
Income Fund 5	228.70	243.40	-0.10	3.84
-do- Acc	332.30	356.30	-0.20	3.84
Inv Portfolio	71.72	74.33†	-0.38	2.06
-do- Acc	81.77	84.70	-0.43	2.06
Smaller Cos	136.10	144.80	..	1.11
-do- Acc	164.60	175.20	-0.10	1.11
High Inc P folio	65.28	67.65	+0.02	4.21
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	90.94	96.74	+1.71	0.82
Japanese Acc	67.49	71.80	+0.39	..
UK Balncd Inc	135.90	144.60†	-0.70	2.38
-do- Acc	160.30	170.50†	-0.70	2.38
UK Growth Acc	219.60	233.60	-1.00	1.92
UK High Inc	145.10	154.40	-0.90	5.74
-do- Acc	175.70	186.90	-1.10	5.74
N America Acc	117.60	125.10†	-0.70	0.31
European Acc	173.90	185.00	+1.90	0.36
UK Pref Fd Inc	62.21	65.97	+0.03	6.68
-do- Acc	102.40	108.60†	+0.10	6.68
Intl Sp Sits Acc	51.42	54.70	-0.57	0.21
Environmntl Opp	76.31	81.16	+0.32	1.51
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	115.80	123.00	-1.00	0.41
UK Smlr Cos	221.50	235.30	-0.50	1.06
Eurofund	41.01	43.43	+0.06	0.92
Mngd Exempt	176.90	194.40	+1.20	2.85
Growth Inc	227.40	241.60†	-1.00	3.10
High Dist	155.50	165.30	-0.40	4.54
International	344.30	365.80†	..	0.89
Intl Income	86.56	92.40	+0.17	2.41
Pacific	62.98	66.92	+0.72	0.45
Smllr Jap Cos	78.07	83.91	+0.37	..
Tokyo	222.50	236.40	+1.30	..
Japan Exempt	125.40	129.90	-0.60	0.29
Sm Jap Exempt	627.80	645.00	-9.90	0.08
Equity Income	130.90	139.10	-0.40	3.59
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	152.90	161.80	-0.50	0.47
Financial	46.18	49.07	-0.05	2.44
Global Opps Inc	94.18	100.10	-0.40	1.00
-do- Acc	97.62	103.70	-0.40	1.00
Gold Gen Inc	53.06	56.38	+0.01	0.53
-do- Acc	101.90	108.30	+0.10	0.53
Japan General	172.80	183.60	+0.50	...
Preference	23.84	25.33	+0.01	7.18
Worldwide Cap	210.70	223.90†	-0.60	1.79
World Income	90.41	96.06†	+0.39	3.10
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	188.80	200.90	+0.60	0.85
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	113.50	119.47	-0.01	3.11
High Income	132.10	139.05	+0.07	4.45
Tst of Inv Tsts	166.56	175.33†	+0.51	2.07
Special Sits	90.18	94.93	+0.39	2.06
North American	108.72	114.44	-1.66	0.99
Far Eastern	266.91	280.96	-0.46	1.58
Intl Growth	104.18	109.66	-0.91	1.18
European	70.18	73.87	-0.52	1.85
Smaller Cos	72.25	76.05	+0.57	1.84
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 729 707				
United Charities	238.00	253.20	..	3.43
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	..	5.30
European Tst	141.40	150.40	-0.50	..
High Income	27.67	29.12†	+0.02	5.72
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	101.70	107.50†	+0.30	0.58
Far Eastern	148.60	159.60	+1.60	..
High Income	23.92	25.48†	+0.07	10.00
Oseas Income	93.56	100.00	+0.88	3.01
UK Growth	102.40	109.50†	..	0.86
UK Income	109.10	116.70	-0.30	2.83
US Smaller Cos	277.70	297.00	+2.30	..
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	51.59	54.81	+0.05	..
-do- Acc	51.59	54.81	+0.05	..
Am Smllr Co	459.20	491.00	+2.50	..
-do- Acc	469.10	501.60	+2.60	..
Capital	305.40	324.90	+0.80	1.52
-do- Acc	425.30	452.30	+1.10	1.52
Contl Smllr Cos	50.76	54.39	+0.28	0.93
-do- Acc	53.07	56.85	+0.29	0.93
Convertible	122.00	129.70	-0.40	5.56
-do- Acc	231.60	246.30	+0.80	5.55
Emg Mark	60.38	64.50	+0.99	
-do- Acc	60.38	64.50	+0.99	
European	104.20	111.20	+0.60	0.70
-do- Acc	108.60	115.90	+0.60	0.70
Extra Income	316.60	336.70	-0.40	3.64
-do- Acc	453.40	482.20	+0.70	3.64
Financial	118.60	127.10	+1.10	0.15
-do- Acc	124.20	133.10	+1.10	0.15
Gilt Gth Tst	67.69	69.80	-0.14	5.80
-do- Acc	87.47	90.19	-0.14	5.80
Health Fund Inc	120.60	128.90	...	
-do- Acc	120.60	128.90	...	
Income Tst	195.20	207.50	...	3.22
-do- Acc	276.60	294.20	+0.10	3.22
Intl Growth	340.60	364.70	+1.50	
-do- Acc	378.20	404.20	+1.90	
Japan Gen	196.01	209.40	+1.16	
-do- Acc	196.90	210.40	+1.00	
Mngd P folio Inc	99.04	107.20	+0.40	2.90
-do- Acc	103.00	110.40	+0.30	0.62
Monthly Income	164.30	174.70	-0.30	7.54
Qtrly Inc	53.90	56.90	+0.13	5.40
-do- Acc	54.20	57.71	+0.13	5.40
Recovery	315.00	336.90	+1.50	0.36
-do- Acc	370.10	395.70	+2.00	0.36
UK Growth	49.56	53.32	-0.27	2.27
-do- Acc	49.66	53.32	-0.27	2.27
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	372.50	396.40	-2.19	2.58
-do- Acc	767.50	820.45	-4.49	2.58
Euro Gth Dist	117.69	125.19	-0.55	0.56
-do- Acc	122.20	130.10	-0.57	0.56
Fixed Int Dist	139.90	149.07	-0.14	5.91
-do- Acc	236.72	250.55	-0.24	5.91
Intl Gth Dist	55.60	58.94	+0.26	0.59
-do- Acc	86.73	92.33	+0.44	0.59
Nth Amer Dist	179.55	190.20	-1.54	0.96
-do- Acc	195.50	207.20	-1.59	0.96
Pac Basin Dist	268.90	285.90	+2.90	0.03
-do- Acc	273.93	291.42	+2.96	0.03
Stewardship Dist	320.60	341.06	-2.11	1.91
-do- Acc	382.37	406.77	-2.51	1.91
Smd Inc Dist	68.23	72.55	+0.42	3.26
-do- Acc	85.02	90.45	+0.52	3.26
N Am Smd Dist	102.57	109.54	-0.15	..
-do- Acc	108.93	115.88	-0.15	..
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	145.90	156.70	+0.20	
European	458.17	487.20	+0.30	0.97
Far East General	249.50	265.80	+2.70	0.07
Germany	110.90	117.43	-0.20	0.39
Global Assets In	72.74	79.46	+0.38	2.23
Global Assets Ac	76.01	80.66	+0.60	.99
Income Inc	137.70	147.30	..	5.66
International	312.90	334.20	+1.60	0.44
Intl Income	92.60	98.14	+0.58	4.52
Japan General	402.40	427.90	+2.20	
Smllr Cos Div	49.95	53.43	+0.12	5.50
UK Capital Inc	177.60	190.07	+1.27	3.75
-do- Acc	306.50	327.90	+2.20	3.42
UK Spec Sits	92.60	99.42	+0.19	1.62
US General	129.50	139.00	+1.40	0.30
W wide Spec Sits	136.40	144.90†	+1.20	0.36
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	47.05	50.22	-0.11	1.29
Cash Trust	130.01	130.01	+0.01	4.91
Pract Inv Inc	112.75	120.59	+2.12	3.90
-do- Acc	242.07	259.54	+0.07	3.90
Uk Smaller Cos	112.55	120.77	-0.30	0.76
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.44	29.35	+0.04	7.64
High Inc	34.14	36.51	+0.03	4.49
UK Equity Inc	137.10	146.57	-0.17	3.70
Global Bond	30.75	31.80	-0.23	5.62
International Funds				
Gold Intl	93.01	99.74	-0.15	0.42
Frontier Markets	46.91	50.20	-0.02	0.12
Global Inc Gth	126.71	135.10	+0.61	1.78
UK Intl	125.60	134.33	+0.17	0.33
Overseas Funds				
American	135.65	144.89	+0.64	0.43
European	89.37	94.77	-0.05	0.91
Euro Sel Opps	108.31	115.21†	-0.08	0.63
American Emerg	90.60	97.16	+0.28	...
Hong Kong	122.38	131.24	+2.89	1.90
Japan	250.03	265.70†	+2.07	...
Pacific Growth	172.14	184.60	+2.83	0.35
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	136.92	146.44	+1.23	0.32
American Gth	136.74	146.24	+1.28	..
European Gth	73.35	78.45	+0.38	0.61
Japan Gth	85.98	91.95	+0.66	...
Greater China	150.09	160.53†	+2.22	2.85
Pacific Strategy	136.95	146.47	+2.37	0.30
UK Prog Inc	81.68	86.01†	+1.38	4.69
British Growth	51.34	54.25	+0.42	2.47
UK Small Cos	47.50	50.80	+0.27	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	132.20	132.20	...	4.85
Gilt Fixed	128.60	136.50†	+0.10	5.10
Growth Equity	315.40	336.90	+1.00	1.89
Guardhill	458.20	489.50†	+1.70	1.98
Income Trust	117.10	125.10	+0.90	3.28
International	171.10	182.70	+1.80	0.01
Japan Trust	134.60	143.80†	+1.20	..
Nth American	269.90	288.30	+2.90	0.35
Pacific	416.80	445.20	+9.90	...
European	389.90	416.50	+7.80	0.16
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 680, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	37.56	39.82†	+0.30	1.45
-do- Acc	39.58	41.96	+0.30	1.45
Inc Adv Inc	31.37	33.26	+0.20	3.70
-do- Acc	32.92	34.90	+0.20	3.70
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	83.77	89.74	+1.28	0.91
Equity Income	121.30	129.00†	+0.40	3.25
European	145.30	153.80	+1.00	0.88
Intl Situation	80.45	85.59	+0.92	..
Japanese	149.60	158.70	+1.10	...
North American	100.10	106.20	+0.90	0.08
Scandinavian	130.10	137.50†	+1.10	...
Smaller Cos	32.14	34.19	+0.10	1.87
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	95.39	101.97	+0.11	..
Asian Enterprise	142.15	152.01	+2.31	0.94
European	413.05	436.93	+0.99	0.70
European Inc	76.01	80.39†	-0.35	2.43
Euro Sml Co	129.50	137.82	+0.18	0.68
Extra Income	281.47	299.65	-0.29	4.39
Family of Funds	75.79	80.79†	+0.10	1.01
Global Bond	58.54	62.60	+0.13	6.97
High Inc	316.40	335.25†	-0.08	3.66
Income Gth	256.30	272.95	-0.25	3.17
-do- Acc	662.96	706.05	-0.65	3.17
International	246.75	263.27	+1.36	0.69
Japan Spec Sit	259.54	276.26	+1.82	.
Japan	223.12	239.73	+1.67	
N Amer	228.03	242.62†	+1.43	0.07
Pacific Smllr Cos	213.16	227.40	+3.39	0.32
Pref Gilt	48.84	52.47	+0.01	8.21
Smaller Cos Div	193.27	206.27	+0.34	2.51
Special Sits	275.94	293.14†	-0.28	1.67
-do- Acc	427.25	457.15	-2.41	1.67
Ect of British	59.73	63.57	-0.25	2.15
Henderson TR				
American Gth	95.75	101.70	+0.12	..
Euro Spec Sits	51.15	54.73	+0.12	0.97
-do- Acc	54.86	57.54	+0.13	0.97
Far East Opps	35.77	39.08†	+0.02	0.57
-do- Acc	36.87	39.12	+0.02	0.57
General Growth				
Global Tech	138.54	149.21	+0.37	..
Income Growth	109.12	116.71†	+0.19	3.47
Income Monthly				
Japan Growth	65.78	69.29	+0.69	
Overseas Gth				
Smaller Cos	78.19	82.86	+0.46	1.56
Special Opps	117.30	124.67	+1.25	1.07
Wld Spec Sits				
-do- Acc				
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	92.12	99.52	-0.34	2.11
Capital	167.40	178.70	-1.20	1.78
Dollar	336.80	357.40	+1.90	0.01
European	214.10	229.00	+0.80	0.56
Far East	251.90	269.10	+4.20	0.23
Financial	750.30	794.50	+0.90	1.90
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.31	29.37	..	7.29
High Yield	110.90	118.50	-0.10	4.14
Income	144.90	154.90	-0.40	3.08
Intl	229.10	245.00†	+1.20	0.17
Japan Tech	76.34	81.64	+0.84	
Nat Resources	64.37	68.94	+0.20	0.41
Security	316.50	339.50	-0.70	1.81
Smaller Cos	110.50	118.40	-2.30	1.12
Special Sits	144.90	154.90	-0.70	1.52
US Smaller Cos	78.27	79.35	+0.05	.
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	27.24	29.12†	+0.18	1.21
Special Features	29.94	31.81	+0.01	1.84
-do- Acc	35.34	37.54	+0.01	1.84
General Funds				
UK Growth	56.90	60.79	-0.07	2.00
Asset Earnings	74.92	79.60†	-0.26	2.21
Cs Acc	89.41	94.09†	-0.32	2.20
Managed Invest	94.54	100.90	+0.40	1.09
Expert Children	79.66	84.91	-0.52	2.06
High Income Funds				
Cashbuy	50.12	50.12	+0.01	4.37
Extra Inc	86.01	91.69†	-0.07	4.58
Gilt	29.14	30.67	+0.02	6.72
Income Gth	41.63	44.39	+0.11	3.41
Mixvcat	80.34	85.19	+0.06	7.16
Preference	18.63	19.70†	+0.01	6.60
UK Income	332.30	355.10	-0.10	2.90
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	63.84	67.93	+0.30	1.19
Property Shares	71.38	76.04	+0.06	1.46
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	155.40	162.90	..	3.97
European Acc	125.63	133.00	+0.40	1.46
European Dist	119.50	126.60	+0.40	1.96
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	50.64	51.89	+0.23	0.94
European Perf	127.80	135.60†	+0.50	0.66
-do- Acc	131.82	139.60†	+0.50	0.66
Euro Small Cos	23.57	25.06	+0.10	0.61
French Growth	73.64	77.29	+0.31	0.47
-do- Acc	77.60	82.56	+0.33	0.47
Hong K/China	74.57	79.22	+1.75	1.56
Intl Growth	55.74	59.22	+0.35	0.67
-do- Acc	55.74	59.22	+0.35	0.67
Japan Perf	36.60	38.90	+0.24	
Accum Units	36.60	38.89	+0.24	
Japan Smllr Cos	41.16	43.80	+0.25	
Singapore Aseam	94.22	100.10†	+1.75	0.30
-do- Acc	94.88	101.80	+1.75	0.30
South East Asia	257.40	273.40	+5.50	0.63
US Smllr Cos	109.30	116.10	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	110.40	117.30	+0.20	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	90.22	96.24	+0.92	2.44
Intl Bond	59.36	60.27†	+0.34	5.56
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	70.10	70.45†	...	4.81
Extra Income	56.18	59.77	+0.31	6.46
Gilt Yield	124.50	131.30	...	6.88
Global Income	211.00	224.50†	-1.43	3.90
High Yield	143.50	152.70†	-0.64	5.46
Smllr Cos Div	53.44	56.85†	+0.07	3.45
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	94.72	100.80	-0.40	..
North American	79.44	84.51	-0.34	0.40
European	141.30	150.30	...	1.49
Euro Special	83.70	89.04†	+0.39	1.40
General	277.80	295.50	-1.00	3.02
Japan	456.20	485.30	+1.30	...
Japanese Special	256.50	272.90	+3.60	...
Master Acc	233.00	247.90	+0.10	1.25
Pacific	294.40	313.20	+1.80	0.51
Smaller Cos	108.50	115.40	+0.30	1.46
UK Equity Gth	39.96	42.51†	-0.21	1.65
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	80.74	85.89	+0.66	0.91
Extra Income	25.70	27.34	+0.13	3.31
Far East	29.72	31.62	-0.41	0.77
Income Gwth	76.69	81.59†	+0.50	2.59
Intl Growth	55.58	59.13	+0.42	0.63
Japan	70.16	74.64†	+0.69	...
Maximum Dist*	100.10	102.10†	...	6.91
N Amer Equity	40.05	42.61	+0.30	0.26
UK Equity	92.78	98.70	+1.49	2.80
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	54.82	58.32†	-0.51	4.29
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	454.80	483.80	-1.40	2.56
Equity Acc	863.20	918.30	-2.80	2.56
Equity Income	98.98	105.30†	-0.10	4.42
European	103.30	109.90†	+0.40	1.18
Far Eastern	203.40	216.40	+4.00	..
Fixed Interest	55.91	59.48	-0.02	5.87
Gilt	96.32	102.10	+0.10	6.02
Global Growth	73.12	77.79	+0.57	0.41
Intl Bond	57.62	61.30†	-0.39	4.63
Japanese	77.29	82.22	+0.45	.
Overseas Equity	104.90	111.60	+0.90	0.04
Pacific Gth	95.79	101.90	+1.90	0.41
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	330.40	351.50	-3.90	2.59
-do- Acc	725.60	772.00	-8.40	2.59
Contl Euro Gth	55.95	58.90	+0.19	1.06
-do- Acc	59.17	62.29	+0.21	1.06
Extra Inc	255.40	271.80	+1.40	3.71
-do- Acc	631.40	671.80	+3.50	3.71
German Gth	112.30	118.30	+0.30	0.09
-do- Acc	117.80	124.00	-0.40	0.09
Growth Port	518.80	552.00	+2.70	0.79
-do- Acc	518.80	552.00	+2.70	0.79
Income	486.20	517.30	+2.50	3.30
-do- Acc	1244.0	1324.0	+7.00	3.30
Income Port	514.50	547.40	+1.50	4.01
-do- Acc	522.10	555.50	+1.50	4.01
Japan Growth	107.30	114.20	+1.00	0.01
-do- Acc	107.60	114.50	+0.91	0.01
Master Trust	55.19	58.72	+0.32	1.15
-do- Acc	60.76	64.64	+0.35	1.15
N American Gen	194.00	206.40	+1.90	0.01
-do- Acc	224.10	238.50	+2.20	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	147.60	157.10	+0.90	0.01
-do- Acc	150.60	160.40	+0.90	0.01
Pacific Basin	221.00	235.20	+0.70	0.62
-do- Acc	233.50	248.50	+0.10	0.62
Small Cos Rec	325.10	342.30	+0.90	2.35
-do- Acc	423.20	445.50	-12.50	2.35
UK Growth	91.77	96.99	+0.22	2.12
-do- Acc	96.34	102.50	+0.20	2.12
Worldwide Gth	299.60	318.90	+2.90	0.12
-do- Acc	441.50	470.00	+4.20	0.12
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	82.91	88.76	+0.42	2.61
Income	66.80	71.67	+0.26	4.80
International	61.08	65.54	+0.50	0.70
American	61.92	66.44	+0.34	0.30
Japan	58.88	63.16†	+0.42	
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.68	68.31	-0.25	1.60
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	398.90	427.80†	+1.80	0.87
-do- Acc	492.80	521.10	+2.20	0.87
American Rec	436.00	461.10	+4.30	0.20
-do- Acc	499.00	529.30	+4.90	0.20
Am Sm Co Acc	128.10	135.40	+0.50	...
Australia Acc	179.00	198.10	+2.00	0.95
Capital	722.70	764.30†	+5.40	2.18
-do- Acc	807.20	853.70†	+6.00	2.18
Commodity Acc	470.00	497.10	+6.90	0.78
Compnd Gth	893.50	944.80	+4.40	2.42
Dividend	39.10	41.30	+0.20	3.80
-do- Acc	154.70	163.80	+0.90	3.80
Equity Inc	325.60	344.30†	+1.70	4.29
European Div	64.40	68.10†	+0.90	3.71
-do- Acc	74.60	78.80	+1.00	3.71
European Gen	428.00	452.60	+6.20	0.84
-do- Acc	537.60	568.50	+7.70	0.84
Extra Yield	415.10	439.00	+1.70	3.98
-do- Acc	1213.7	1283.6	+4.90	3.98
Far Eastern	327.10	345.90†	+5.20	0.55
-do- Acc	431.50	456.40	+6.90	0.55
Fund of Inv	567.80	600.40	+2.80	1.88
-do- Acc	1035.8	1095.2	+5.10	1.88
General	58.50	61.90	+0.40	3.30
-do- Acc	156.40	165.50	+0.90	3.30
Gilt Fxd Int	65.57	65.65†	-0.02	7.13
do Acc	167.15	167.37	-0.06	7.13
Gold	60.20	63.70†	+0.90	0.67
-do- Acc	70.70	74.90	+1.10	0.67
High Inc	27.60	29.20	+0.10	4.02
-do- Acc	104.50	110.80	+0.40	4.02
Intl Growth	73.30	77.50†	+0.60	0.68
-do- Acc	126.90	134.20	+1.00	0.68
Intl Inc	100.00	105.80	+1.20	4.36
Japan Gen Acc	54.90	58.10	+0.30	.
Japan Smllr Cos	161.60	170.80	+0.70	.
Midland	60.90	64.30	+0.10	2.79
-do- Acc	194.60	205.90	+0.30	2.79
Recovery	39.70	42.00	+0.10	2.33
-do- Acc	63.30	66.80	+0.10	2.33
Second Gen	67.00	71.50	+0.30	3.14
-do- Acc	167.60	177.20	+0.70	3.14
Smaller Cos	64.60	68.30†	+0.30	2.78
-do- Acc	124.00	131.10	+0.60	2.78
Trustee	42.60	45.10	+0.20	3.51
Charibond 3	1116.92	...†	+0.20	9.22
Charifund 2	601.00	608.00†	+3.20	4.80
Pension ex 1	912.00	914.80	+4.60	3.94
NAACIF Inc 3	148.69	†	.	7.04
-do- Acc 3	11201.7	...	+3.80	7.09
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	145.30	155.40†	...	1.89
-do- Acc	162.90	174.20†	...	1.89
UK Income	121.90	130.30	-0.23	2.42
-do- Acc	137.70	147.30	-0.23	2.42
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	90.87	97.19	+0.77	0.41
Far East	144.90	153.80	-0.60	0.16
Income Growth	76.25	80.94†	+0.25	3.20
European	75.76	80.42	+0.98	1.07
Nth American	59.53	63.20	+0.28	0.42
UK Growth	82.72	87.81	+0.03	1.96
Intl Growth	102.60	108.90	+1.00	0.33
Charities	115.90	123.00†	+0.40	3.87
Intl Income	72.52	76.98	+0.59	4.87
Japan	58.00	61.57	+0.44	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	198.60	211.00	+1.90	...
-do- Acc	212.30	225.60	+2.10	...
Cash	100.50	100.50†	...	5.49
-do- Acc	130.60	130.60†	...	5.49
Emg Mkts Acc	98.02	105.40	+0.40	...
European Gth	211.90	224.70	+1.10	0.71
-do- Acc	227.80	241.60	+1.20	0.71
General	494.00	526.90	+1.80	2.30
-do- Acc	939.40	1002	+3.30	2.30
Global Dist	135.30	142.20	+1.00	5.13
-do- Acc	151.40	159.20	+1.20	5.13
Income	148.70	158.60	+1.00	4.30
-do- Acc	220.90	235.60	+1.60	4.30
International	418.00	445.40	+3.90	0.63
-do- Acc	555.90	592.30	+5.10	0.63
Japan Acc	204.10	216.60	+1.80	...
New Europe	152.90	163.10	+0.60	1.59
-do- Acc	155.40	165.80	+0.70	1.59
Recovery	311.80	332.60	+1.50	2.70
-do- Acc	393.90	420.20	+1.80	2.70
European Inc	77.64	82.34†	+0.78	2.96
-do- Acc	100.60	106.60†	+1.00	2.96
Brit Blue Chip	76.58	81.58	+0.33	3.09
-do- Acc	90.32	96.21	+0.38	3.09
Portfolio	78.68	83.68	+0.42	2.71
-do- Acc	89.46	95.15	+0.48	2.71
Gold General	145.20	156.10†	+1.00	0.60
-do- Acc	148.50	159.70†	+1.00	0.60
Pacific	100.80	107.50†	+2.60	0.78
-do- Acc	107.20	114.30†	+2.70	0.78
UK Smaller Cos	55.39	59.08	-0.01	1.84
-do- Acc	63.25	66.40	+0.46	1.84
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 529 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	59.79	63.95	+0.05	2.55
-do- Acc	60.72	64.94	+0.06	2.55
British Dist	80.48	86.08	-0.33	2.01
-do- Acc	91.11	97.44	-0.38	2.01
European Gth	198.00	201.10	+0.80	0.02
-do- Acc	236.10	252.50	+1.00	0.02
Extra High Inc	73.72	78.85	+0.06	5.41
-do- Acc	131.80	141.00	+0.10	5.41
FT-SE 100 Index	50.79	54.32	-0.18	2.56
-do- Acc	51.56	55.14	-0.18	2.56
Gilt Fixed Int	58.64	61.04	-0.01	6.49
-do- Acc	156.50	162.90	-0.10	6.49
High Yield	234.80	251.10	...	4.39
-do- Acc	551.30	589.60	...	4.39
Income	294.70	315.20†	-0.20	3.08
-do- Acc	623.70	666.30	-0.50	3.08
Japan Gth	373.00	398.90	+3.10	...
-do- Acc	393.70	421.10	+3.30	...
Mandarin Acc	108.10	115.60	+1.00	0.77
North American	168.90	180.60	+0.60	0.51
-do- Acc	213.10	227.90	+0.70	0.51
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0121				
American Gth	281.90	299.80†	+2.10	..
Deposit Inc	100.06	100.06†	+0.01	5.37
Deposit Acc	123.54	123.54†	+0.01	5.37
Euro Gth Acc	316.30	337.70	+2.10	..
Europa	137.50	147.60†	+1.20	..
Intl Gth	181.30	193.60	+1.00	..
Japan Tracker	83.30	88.20	+0.69	..
UK Equity Inc	163.80	176.20	+1.10	3.76
-do- Acc	201.90	216.10	+1.40	3.76
UK Ind Tracker	151.50	162.20†	+1.90	2.47
US Eq Ind Trkr	198.00	210.00	+1.60	1.40
-do- Acc	209.50	222.20	+1.70	1.40
Asian Trader	174.70	189.60	+3.30	0.41
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	173.50	177.70†	+0.90	1.77
European	66.54	67.99	+0.91	1.46
Olympiad	60.47	62.17†	+0.72	0.24
Global Bond	48.88	49.41†	+0.29	6.15
Smaller Cos	71.27	74.59	-0.21	1.21
Equity Income	98.28	101.80	+0.60	4.90
UK Growth	87.96	90.78	+0.17	1.68
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	48.86	52.11	+0.34	1.11
Australian Acc	330.60	354.70	+4.50	.
Conscience	64.92	69.28	-1.15	1.29
-do- Acc	70.08	74.79	-1.23	1.29
European	181.10	192.60	+0.60	1.08
-do- Acc	194.60	207.20	+0.80	1.08
Extra Income	76.21	81.33	-0.20	5.46
-do- Acc	117	124.80	-0.30	5.46
Far East Gth	177.80	190	+1.00	0.01
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.10	63.43†	+0.01	6.24
Gold	53.74	57.78	+0.23	...
-do- Acc	57.87	62.22	+0.24	...
Income	55.40	59.09	-0.14	4.77
-do- Acc	169.60	180.90	-0.40	4.77
International	31.46	33.75	+0.21	0.65
-do- Acc	45.20	48.49	+0.31	0.65
Jap Sm Cos Acc	371.10	395.80	+4.40	..
S pore Mly Acc	220.30	236.20	+1.10	..
Smllr Cos Acc	26.40	28.38	+0.11	0.77
Special Sits	34.19	36.76	-0.06	1.66
-do- Acc	39.38	42.34	-0.07	1.66
Tokyo	92.35	98.50	+1.02	..
-do- Acc	93.29	99.50	+1.04	..
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	70.36	74.86†	+0.02	2.61
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	77.17	82.51†	+0.08	9.70
N&P Higher Inc	214.60	228.40	+0.30	4.35
N&P UK Income	108.10	115.00	-0.10	3.57
N&P Intl	92.15	98.04	+0.45	1.65
N&P Smaller Cos	77.95	82.93	-1.38	1.62
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR 071 407 4404				
General	175.55	186.76†	-0.55	2.02
Global	315.86	336.03	+2.83	3.06
Growth	114.99	122.34	-0.09	1.93
Income	215.53	229.29†	+0.17	3.70
Intl Bond	136.41	144.84	+0.02	6.76
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 590, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	140.20	151.80	+0.90	2.44
-do- Acc	259.00	272.60	+1.60	2.44
Income	236.10	251.10	+1.60	3.28
Intl Equity	239.20	254.40	+2.30	0.76
-do- Acc	261.80	278.50	+2.60	0.76
Equity	230.00	244.60	+1.40	2.33
-do- Acc	471.50	501.50	+2.80	2.33
UK Intl 25 Acc	74.32	79.06	+0.46	1.85
UK Income	64.49	68.60†	+0.39	2.89
UK Smllr Co Acc	81.65	86.85	+0.49	1.37
New Europe Acc	66.56	70.80	+0.68	1.00
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	100.67	107.67	-1.63	0.01
PEP Growth	108.66	116.22	-0.36	1.14
Intl Gth	528.19	564.91	-3.03	0.28
Income	334.25	357.49	-0.10	2.98
W wide Recov	336.92	360.35	-1.98	0.18
American Gth	219.10	234.34	-3.44	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	202.39	216.47	-1.10	0.01
Far East Gth	240.94	257.69	-0.59	0.03
European Gth	126.00	134.77	-0.61	0.92
UK Growth	84.00	89.84	+0.03	2.52
High Income	90.80	97.12†	+0.06	4.12
Japanese Gth	232.20	246.95	-0.32	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	187.80	199.80	+1.10	0.65
High Income	118.20	125.70	-0.30	3.40
Conv Gilt	116.40	123.90†	...	5.54
Far East	340.60	362.40	+5.80	0.06
Global Inc Acc	33.88	36.04	+0.15	4.74
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	52.61	55.97†	+0.33	0.20
Emerging Mkts	71.69	76.27†	+1.17	0.50
General	50.11	53.31	-0.23	3.01
International	91.55	97.39	+2.05	1.34
Gilt Units	27.30	28.14†	...	7.07
Global PEP	37.91	40.33	+0.05	1.92
Income Gth	69.80	74.26†	-0.11	4.41
European	47.31	50.33	+0.12	0.60
Gilt/Fixed Int	27.24	28.98	+0.05	5.39
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	33.33	35.64	+0.20	1.58
Pru Cth Hvn Inc	100.98	101.48†	...	4.65
-do- Acc	106.16	106.68†	...	4.65
Pru Equity	693.89	742.12	-1.60	2.41
Pru Equity Inc	85.14	91.05†	-0.08	4.30
Pru European	189.71	202.89	+0.81	0.94
Pru Global Gth	83.72	89.59†	+0.07	1.21
Pru High Inc	91.52	97.88†	-0.22	4.39
Pru Intl	171.28	183.18†	+0.89	1.01
Pru Intl Sm Co	73.98	79.12	+0.63	0.59
Pru Japanese	215.53	230.51	+2.45	..
Pru Nth Amer	150.77	161.25	-0.20	0.76
Pru Pacific Mkt	84.09	89.93†	+1.72	1.09
Pru Premr Inc	51.99	54.13†	-0.04	5.00
Pru Smllr Cos	86.25	92.24	+0.50	2.17
Pru Spec Sits	103.17	110.34†	-0.16	2.27
Pru UK Growth	114.60	122.56†	-0.26	2.35
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
FA Income	166.02	177.40	+1.13	3.39
FA Japan	294.29	313.11	+2.15	...
FA Mal UK Cos	97.22	103.90	+0.49	2.41
FA America Inc	522.18	556.05†	+4.44	0.86
-do- Acc	608.50	647.97	+5.18	0.86
FA Smlr UK Cos	284.05	307.34	+0.75	1.51
FA European	274.79	291.30	+2.43	1.20
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 829929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	75.30	80.11	+0.76	3.52
Capital Units	153.60	163.40	+1.30	1.06
Commodity	115.00	122.30†	+1.20	1.00
European Gth	173.30	184.40	+2.20	1.06
Financial Sec	187.40	199.40	+1.60	1.27
High Return	225.50	239.90†	+1.20	3.50
High Yield	220.50	234.60	+1.70	3.80
Income Units	117.90	125.40†	+2.00	4.39
Investment	195.20	207.70	+0.80	1.10
Japan Gth	166.40	177.00	+1.20	..
Japan Smaller	193.60	206.40	+0.70	..
Masterfund	50.46	53.68	+0.45	0.84
Scotbits	273.00	290.40†	+2.40	1.42
Scotshares	267.10	284.10	+1.20	2.30
Scotyields	234.60	249.60†	+1.60	3.79
Select Intl	138.10	146.90	+1.50	0.38
Smaller Cos	242.90	258.40	+1.00	3.52
Special Situation	114.80	122.10	+1.20	0.64
UK Equity	235.30	250.30†	+1.20	2.76
US Growth	144.10	153.30	+1.00	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client line: 0800 526 535 Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	243.03	258.53	-3.12	0.63
-do- Acc	263.31	280.11	-3.38	0.63
Australian	139.41	148.70†	-0.26	0.72
-do- Acc	164.88	175.87	+0.30	0.72
UK Enterprise	231.12	246.52†	-0.92	2.19
-do- Acc	270.08	288.06	-1.08	2.19
European Gth	66.74	70.98	+0.08	1.27
-do- Acc	69.31	73.72	+0.08	1.27
Euro Smllr Cos	61.12	65.08	+0.05	0.42
-do- Acc	61.54	65.52	+0.05	0.42
Far Eastern Gth	77.59	82.76†	+0.21	...
-do- Acc	78.85	84.09	+0.21	...
Fixed Interest	56.70	59.76	-0.05	6.42
-do- Acc	68.85	72.57	-0.06	6.42
Gilt Income	109.74	115.66	-0.03	7.21
-do- Acc	153.27	161.54	-0.03	7.21
Income	337.93	360.45†	-0.47	3.76
-do- Acc	1018.5	1086.4	-4.75	3.76
Japan Enterprise	72.45	77.27	+0.20	.
-do- Acc	72.45	77.27	+0.20	.
Japan Smllr Cos	508.98	542.91†	+2.79	...
-do- Acc	510.00	543.99	+2.79	.
Pacific Gth	102.77	109.62†	+0.25	0.24
-do- Acc	105.82	112.87	+0.25	0.24
Smaller Cos	202.84	216.40	+1.11	0.92
-do- Acc	234.65	250.28	+1.28	0.92
Tokyo	117.53	125.36	+0.40	.
-do- Acc	118.72	126.63	+0.41	.
UK Equity	225.17	240.19	-0.59	2.56
-do- Acc	422.74	450.92	-1.11	2.56
US Smllr Cos	143.86	153.45	+1.69	.
-do- Acc	143.86	153.45	+1.69	.
World Fd	75.16	80.17†	+0.04	1.36
-do- Acc	79.90	85.22	+0.04	1.36
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	49.51	52.75	+0.21	3.72
Equity Strategy	67.41	71.79	+0.54	0.74
European Opps	79.10	84.17	+1.11	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.97	101.51	-0.01	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	57.69	61.44	+0.19	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	363.10	386.00	-1.20	2.64
American	259.20	275.30	-1.40	0.76
Pacific	363.50	388.90	+5.50	0.49
European	483.40	517.20	+1.50	1.05
Worldwide	86.67	92.70	+0.41	0.90
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	319.20	339.60	+1.60	2.68
UK Sm Cos Eqty	221.00	235.20	+1.40	1.53
European	359.80	382.80	+1.80	1.53
North American	268.80	286.00	+1.90	0.57
Income Plus Inc	72.46	77.09	+0.42	3.53
UK Spec Sits	72.62	77.26	+0.03	2.46
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	27.37	29.30	+0.14	2.65
Intl Growth Acc	31.68	33.91	-0.39	0.93
Market Ldrs Acc	27.48	29.41	+0.13	2.73
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	†109.00	...	-0.20	...
Global Bond	†105.50	...	+0.40	7.11
Japan Samurai	†102.10	...	-0.30	...
UK Growth	†103.50	...	+0.10	3.83
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	47.42	50.39	+0.40	1.43
Equity Gth Acc	65.16	69.24	+0.40	1.04
UK Eq General	44.71	47.51	+0.40	2.00
-do- Acc	59.04	62.74	+0.50	2.00
European Acc	45.30	48.14	+0.60	0.91
Far East Acc	60.46	64.24	+0.10	0.10
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	33.03	34.93	+0.10	5.89
N American Acc	44.56	47.35	+0.40	0.23
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	300.00	325.60	-2.20	1.34
UK Eq High Inc	38.91	41.35	-0.20	3.90
-do- Acc	46.20	49.09	-0.20	3.90
UK Lgr Cos Inc	310.20	336.60	+2.50	3.58
UK Lgr Cos Acc	403.90	438.30	+3.30	3.58
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.71	NZ$3.94	...	1.29
US Eq	$2.204	$2.341	...	1.14
Far East Eq	Y244.8	Y260.1	...	
Japan Eq	Y248.7	Y264.1	...	
FT Europe	121.30	128.50	...	2.03
FT North Am	$1.755	$1.865	...	1.29
FT Japan	Y245.8	Y261.1	...	
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.015	$2.140	...	1.43
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	352.80	376.50	+1.90	0.32
British	1011.6	1070.3	+1.00	3.80
European	414.90	441.90	+0.80	1.31
Japan	156.90	167.00	+1.20	..
New Pacific	322.90	343.90	+3.20	0.95
Mngd Cash	95.92	95.92	...	5.17
Majority Stlg	100.11	101.11†	+0.01	4.84
Inv Tst	207.80	220.30	+0.30	1.62
Saints PPP	403.80	425.00	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	779.00	833.20	-1.50	2.72
N America Acc	123.10	131.70	+0.90	0.09
Far East Acc	135.30	144.70	+1.10	0.36
W wide Bond	63.41	67.31	+0.41	5.38
European	90.94	97.26	+0.47	0.58
Equity Income	89.48	95.70	-0.01	3.46
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.91	37.34	-0.20	0.52
Managed Assets	125.91	134.67	+0.46	2.88
UK Income	39.49	42.24	+0.21	2.84
UK Growth	38.85	41.56	+0.18	2.10
Worldwide Gth	33.27	35.59†	+0.14	0.40
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	220.41	234.48†	+1.01	...
-do- Acc	242.76	258.26†	+1.12	..
British Gth	90.20	95.95	-0.55	1.83
-do- Acc	106.12	112.90	-0.64	1.83
European	105.75	112.50†	+0.77	0.56
-do- Acc	112.39	119.56†	+0.82	0.56
Extra Inc	198.48	211.15†	-1.44	3.85
-do- Acc	324.08	344.77†	-2.35	3.85
General Unit	276.83	294.50†	-1.26	2.34
-do- Acc	552.99	588.29†	-2.50	2.34
Income	345.09	367.12	-0.33	3.50
-do- Acc	717.14	762.91	-0.69	3.50
International	515.37	548.26	+3.36	0.74
-do- Acc	674.67	717.73	+4.27	0.74
Pacific	364.36	387.62	+1.23	...
-do- Acc	382.75	407.18	+1.30	...
Premier Income	54.01	56.36†	...	6.84
-do- Acc	114.20	118.96†	...	6.84
Nat Resources	147.32	156.72	+1.95	...
-do- Acc	161.67	171.99	+2.13	...
Selected Opps	103.17	109.75	+0.88	1.14
-do- Acc	129.16	137.40	+1.11	1.14
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Sml Cos	77.52	82.68	+0.73	...
-do- Acc	79.95	85.28	+0.75	..
European Opps	65.73	69.74	+0.17	0.42
-do- Acc	66.41	70.46	+0.17	0.42
Japan	94.81	101.13	+0.20	..
-do- Acc	94.91	101.13	+0.20	..
Little Dragons	82.42	87.91	+1.70	0.57
-do- Acc	84.85	90.50	+1.75	0.57
Oriental Income	47.18	50.32	+0.59	2.16
-do- Acc	60.15	64.16	+0.75	2.16
Tiger	228.17	243.38	+4.05	1.08
-do- Acc	239.72	255.70	+4.26	1.08
UK Small Cos	86.04	92.98	+0.05	1.71
-do- Acc	101.44	108.49	+0.06	1.71
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasn Gold	19.95	21.32	+0.19	0.50
Pacific Basin	34.70	37.01	+0.54	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.76	39.10	+1.05	...
Global Bond	30.981	31.022	-0.000	6.91
Penny Share	26.57	28.26	+0.37	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.20	53.21	...	4.81
Gilt Growth	72.30	75.25	+0.08	...
Gilt Income	54.52	56.73	+0.05	7.25
Short Dtd Gilt	111.20	112.60	...	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.720	$0.739	-0.000	...
Challenger	99.63	102.00	+0.50	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	72.83	77.47	-0.04	1.28

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price. . No significant data.

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Make-or-break day for BAe's Taiwan regional jet venture



John Cahill hopes to sign the agreement today

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BLEARY-EYED and exhausted after five days of negotiations late into the evening, John Cahill, chairman of British Aerospace, hopes today to sign the long-delayed financing agreement that will bring his cherished joint venture with Taiwan to build regional jets into being. If he does not, his credibility, and that of his recovery strategy for Britain's biggest manufacturer, will be dealt a critical blow.

BAe's London spokesman, after a week of increasingly sceptical enquiries about progress, was still playing a straight bat last night. "I realise it is starting to wear a bit thin, but I am not aware of anything that is a show-stopper," he said. "They are sitting it out. I take that as a good sign that if it is worth waiting for another morning in the hope of signing something, they probably believe it will be signed." The BAe team in the Taiwan capital of Taipei believed the concerns of the Taiwan banking consortium about terms and collateral for providing the US$400 million financing package for aircraft leases had finally been allayed. They were also confident the Taiwan government was as committed as ever to the BAe partnership as a way of developing a civil aerospace industry. The flow of negative stories out of Taipei, suggesting Taiwan might seek an alternative partner, or that opposition MPs might seek to wreck the deal, dried up yesterday. Confirmation, perhaps, that the negotiations are all but over.

But there can be no dispute that BAe failed to recognise the complexity of the task it faced in concluding a deal in Taiwan. Few companies in the western world are as accomplished at negotiating with governments, or government-owned companies, as BAe. In many countries, airlines are state owned, and their significance as national flag carriers assumes almost as much importance as the transport of their passengers. Military equipment sales too require extraordinary lobbying skills.

But in Taiwan, BAe encountered a situation outside its ken. Taiwan Aerospace Corporation, with which it signed its deal in January, was little more than a shelf company. It was acting both for the government and for an untested consortium of private investors. It had no experience of the business it planned to enter, and neither did its bankers.

If BAe had enjoyed the luxury of an alternative partner, it might well have taken its demonstration aeroplane and plans of Woodford airfield near Manchester and the adjacent manufacturing facilities elsewhere. But it had already trawled the world in search of a partner for the business. The company had become so alarmed at the scale of losses from regional jet manufacture that it had announced plans to provide £1 billion in its accounts to close the entire operation.

The offer of £120 million from Taiwan in exchange for a half-share of the business and the obligation to establish a production line near Taipei must have seemed like manna from heaven. Losses could be stemmed, the 2,500 remaining jobs at Woodford saved, and improved access to fast-growing aircraft markets in the Pacific basin held out hopes that the RJ aircraft series, based on the BAe146 whispering jet, might yet become an economic success.

Last night, that hope, and the jobs of those Woodford workers, remained in the balance. This morning is make-or-break for them, for Mr Cahill, and for Britain's standing as one of the few countries in the world still retaining the technological capacity to design and build a civil airliner.

UK turnaround drives sharp recovery at GRE

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

■ Guardian Royal Exchange attributed its strong recovery to a £112 million turnaround in Britain, driven by improvements in personal insurance terms

GUARDIAN Royal Exchange, the only UK composite insurer not to raise fresh capital in the past year, confirmed the UK recovery by announcing a sharp profits increase at the interim stage.

In the six months to June 30, the pre-tax figure, including investment gains, rose to £307 million, from £8 million. GRE is the first of the composites to include investment gains, in line with new accounting rules. Without them, the profit would have been £65 million, compared with a £39 million loss last time.

The surge in net investment gains, from about £80 million to £242 million, of which about £80 million was realised, reflects buoyancy in the bond and stock markets.

In the UK, underwriting losses dropped by £85 million, to £40 million, and Sid Hopkins, chief executive, said: "An underwriting profit was achieved in the second quarter and the trend is looking good."

The shares, after an initial advance, fell 1p to end the day at 213p, as analysts highlighted the insurer's relative reliance on the UK. Stephen Dias, an analyst at Goldman Sachs, said: "GRE is no different from its rivals in that 40 per cent to 45 per cent of revenue is from the UK. But it has very little US business. The balance of its business is in Germany and South Africa."

As a result, GRE will not benefit from an upturn in the US insurance cycle and its UK results will be eroded by competition. "I expect GRE's profits will peak faster than those of some of the others," Mr Dias said. "The best profit will be in 1994, after which there will be a downturn."

The City also thinks that investment gains will start to decline as bond rates edge up again, possibly resulting in investment losses in 1995. Mr Hopkins partly subscribes to that view. "The inclusion of investment gains in pre-tax profits means our results could be subject to wide fluctuations," he said. The dividend, which was sharply cut 18 months ago, was raised by 6 per cent, to 2.65p, the biggest increase made by any of the composites so far.

On the general insurance side, worldwide underwriting losses shrank from £178 million to £85 million. That, coupled with a sharp rise in investment gains, from £24 million to £132 million, and a £4 million advance in investment income to £121 million, resulted in a £168 million profit, compared with a £37 million loss last time.

The engine of recovery was the UK, where a £50 million operating loss was turned into a £72 million profit, driven by improvements in personal lines business. Rate increases, forced through in the past two years, and more selective underwriting, turned a £27 million loss on the household account into a £6 million profit and a £19 million loss on the motor account into a £1 million profit.

The Bishopsgate bomb cost £2 million; reinsurance cover cut the bill from £49 million.

The recovery was also helped by the Republic of Ireland, where non-life operating profits rose from £5 million to £61 million.

☐ Irish Life announced an 18 per cent rise in new premium sales, to Ir£165.4 million (£154.1 million), in the first six months of 1993. New business premiums at Insterstate, the US subsidiary, leaped by 97 per cent, to Ir£52.9 million, boosted by the dollar's strength compared with last year. In the UK, single premium sales rose 22 per cent, to Ir£13.7 million, while annual premium sales fell 12 per cent, to Ir£7.3 million. In Ireland, single premium sales fell by 1 per cent and annual premium sales by 8 per cent. The company is paying an interim dividend of Ir3.92p.

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Questions go unanswered at Queens Moat meeting

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

SHAREHOLDERS in Queens Moat Houses, the beleaguered hotels group, who were hoping to find out more about the company's financial position were left none the wiser after yesterday's annual meeting.

With the 1992 accounts yet to be published, Andrew Coppel, the chief executive, was unable to answer any detailed financial questions, nor was he even in a position to say when the accounts would be published.

As one observer, who attended the meeting, said: "There was simply nothing to get to grips with — no numbers, no dates, nothing. And as Andrew Coppel has only just come in, one couldn't even blame him."

Disgruntled investors, who have had their shares suspended on the stock market since March, were left to vent their anger on former chairman John Bairstow, who failed to attend the meeting.

His absence was denounced by several shareholders who accused him of being a coward and bad-mannered. Mr Bairstow is to be replaced at the helm by Stanley Metcalfe, the former head of Ranks Hovis McDougall. However, Mr Coppel was able to tell shareholders the name of the new finance director.

Andrew Le Poidevin, who has been a consultant to Queens Moat since April, has agreed to take on the role. Further executive and non-executive appointments will also be made in due course.

There was little good news on current trading. Although the group is currently in profit at the operating level, progress continues to be held back by the deepening recession in Europe.

Mr Coppel gave a clear indication that a financial restructuring was in prospect after he remarked that the group could not service its debt and make a profit in its present structure. Nevertheless, shareholders still approved a resolution to increase the group's borrowing limit to £2 billion.

Mr Coppel insisted his goal was to get Queens Moat relisted on the Stock Exchange, although he was unable to say when the suspension would be lifted.

Supermarkets under attack

BY OUR CITY STAFF

BRITAIN'S three leading supermarket chains — Sainsbury, Tesco and Safeway — came under fire for their "sinister" opposition to the arrival of American-style warehouse clubs, which offer rock-bottom prices.

They were criticised by David Poole, managing director of Nurdin & Peacock, a cash-and-carry operator that plans to open its own warehouse clubs in London and the West Midlands next year. "There is something sinister," he said, "about three companies who have 40 per cent of the food retail market, with combined sales of £20 billion, and who spend up to £2 billion a year on new sites, getting together to thwart a business that has not even opened yet."

Sainsbury, Tesco and Safeway are currently embroiled in legal action relating to Costco, the American warehouse club group, which is set to open a 136,000 sq ft site at Thurrock, in Essex.

The supermarkets want planning consent granted by Thurrock Borough Council overturned, on the ground that Costco was wrongly assessed as a wholesaler rather than as a retailer. Retail planning permission is more difficult and expensive to obtain.

Mr Poole said he was surprised at the supermarkets' reaction and claimed they were "trying to strangle us at birth".

However, a spokesman for Sainsbury, Safeway and Tesco dismissed the allegations: "There is no question of anyone trying to strangle warehouse clubs at birth. That is sensationalist and not borne out by the facts."

Wolseley raises cash for US buy

BY OUR CITY STAFF

WOLSELEY, the builders merchant, tapped the equity market for £106 million yesterday to finance the acquisition of a £51 million American lumber business, leaving a £55 million war chest for further deals, expected soon.

Wolseley is paying up to $77 million for the business and certain of the assets of Erb Lumber Co. of Michigan, which distributes timber products from outlets across Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. The business adds new markets for Wolseley's subsidiary, Carolina Builders Corporation, which has been trying to reduce its dependence on its home patch in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Erb made profits of $12.1 million in the year to December 31 on sales of $271 million and had net assets at the year-end of $62 million. Wolseley is buying the plant and equipment, the inventory and receivables, but not the real estate of the business. The price will be determined by the value of the gross assets, less the liabilities, on August 31 with an initial cash payment on completion of $69 million. No payment is being made for goodwill.

Wolseley is placing 8.1 million shares at 632p to raise £51.5 million to finance the Erb deal and a further 8.7 million shares are to be placed for cash. After completion, some 40 per cent of Wolseley's profits will come from the US, with about a third of that from timber distribution.

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ALAN WELLER

Sid Hopkins, chief executive, admits that future results could fluctuate widely

Housing fillip for Hambro

BY CARL MORTISHED

A CONFIDENT Hambro Countrywide is set on expanding its chain of 452 estate agents. A boost in the housing market from January to April helped Hambro's offices to increase the number of homes sold by 17 per cent, to 23,263, in the six months to June 30.

Christopher Sporborg, Hambro chairman, sees opportunities to buy from institutions that have been unable to manage their estate agents or to improve sales of financial products through the chains. "We believe we have seen signs of house prices bottoming," he said. "We are not yet back to the cycle of rising house prices." Deals in solicitors' hands on June 30 were 80 per cent up on the start of the year.

Hambro has resumed dividends, with an interim payment of 0.5p.

Despite the company's optimism, estate agency still made a £1.7 million pre-tax loss, compared with the previous year's £6.7 million deficit. Turnover was up from £27 million to £31 million but the average sale price fell 6 per cent, to £61,750. A big investment sale pushed Wright Oliphant, Hambro's commercial agents, to an £884,000 profit.

Overall, pre-tax profit for the six months was £13 million, including an £11 million profit from the sale of a stake in Hambro Legal Protection. The positive result compares with a £3.8 million loss the previous time. The contribution of Hambro Guardian, the group's life assurance arm, was maintained at £5.1 million.

Slough reports stronger demand

SLOUGH Estates, the industrial property company, still needs to find tenants for 10 per cent of its portfolio but Sir Nigel Mobbs, chairman, reports increased enquiries from potential occupiers (Carl Mortished writes). Improving demand on the Slough Trading Estate has encouraged the company to build an extra 73,000 sq ft, with work expected to start in October, ahead of any lettings.

"A number of businesses feel that if they do not do a deal now, the terms will not be as good next year," said Sir Nigel.

First-half profits were hit by a fall in capitalised interest as the company completed its building programme. The pre-tax return for the six months to June 30 fell from £33.7 million to £28.8 million after the reported interest bill doubled to £28 million.

At the end of June, the group had net debt of £663 million, implying a gearing ratio of 62 per cent on the December 1992 asset valuation. The company is paying a maintained dividend of 3.1p per share out of earnings of 4.4p (6.5p).

£1m aid helped to lure Hoover

Hoover's controversial decision to close its factory at Dijon, France, and switch production to Glasgow was secured with the help of a £1 million aid package.

The Glasgow Development Agency yesterday signed the deal with Hoover that will bring up to 400 new jobs to the company's plant at Cambuslang, near Glasgow. It employs 1,000 at present. Hoover will have to repay part of the aid if it axes jobs at Cambuslang and the workforce falls below a certain level.

The Glasgow Development Agency money will be used to help to redevelop the Cambuslang factory, which dates from 1947, to accommodate increased production and to provide training for employees. The first production line stripped from the Dijon factory has been installed at Cambuslang and Hoover has started to recruit engineers.

Hoover's announcement in January of its plan to close its Dijon plant brought accusations of job dumping. It followed acceptance by the Glasgow workforce of a tough pay package that meant effective pay cuts for some.

Toy maker's Virgin stake

Virgin Interactive Entertainment, the video game and entertainment software subsidiary of Richard Branson's Virgin Communications, has announced that Hasbro Inc, the world's biggest toy manufacturer, is to acquire 15 per cent of VIE for $25 million. The parties are also to form a joint venture within VIE to develop and market Hasbro's existing products and other jointly selected properties.

There has been speculation that VIE may be the subject of an eventual flotation in North America, where half its workforce is based.

Homes trial jury still out

The jury considering verdicts in the trial of three former directors of the Homes Assured Corporation was yesterday sent to a hotel for a fourth night.

Anthony Dobson, 60, who founded of the mortgage broking group, set up to help council house tenants to buy their homes, denies fraudulent trading between November 1988 and August 1989, as do Michael Robinson, 42, of Fulham, southwest London, and Keith Woodward, 56, of Wanstead, east London.

Property boost

Returns from property investment leapt in the second quarter of 1993 from an annualised 1.8 per cent in the three months to March to almost 7 per cent in the quarter to June 30. Investment Property Databank's quarterly report attributes the change in fortune for commercial property to a sudden fall in yield from its peak of 10 per cent in March to 9.8 per cent.

EC policy 'threatens' Anglo-American air pact



Wolf: London talks

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

EUROPEAN Community measures designed to allow free competition between Europe's airlines threaten to scupper hopes of a new Anglo-American aviation pact, according to United Airlines.

During talks in London yesterday, Stephen Wolf, United's chairman, told British transport department officials that American carriers fear that they will be squeezed out of continental European airports if they take over a United Kingdom airline.

Equal rights for airlines in Britain and America are the central demand of American negotiators seeking a radical bilateral liberalisation package later this year. Failure to agree on liberalisation could cause American authorities to unwind British Airways' deal to invest $750 million in a 44 per cent stake in USAir, the American airline. Abandoning early concerns, United, one of America's big three airlines, is now willing to back BA's bid for a share of US internal traffic, provided Americans win better access to UK airports.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, is to meet his American counterpart, Federico Pena, on September 15 to discuss the issue. Mr Pena will be armed with a report from President Clinton's commission on the aviation industry, which sets precise terms for a new bilateral pact.

The commission report says that foreigners should be allowed to buy or vote up to 49 per cent of an American carrier, but only if Americans have equal rights in the incomers' country.

Mr Wolf told British officials that he believes that the UK is unable to deliver. The European Community's third liberalisation package gives EC airlines the right, in theory at least, to operate any services they choose within the EC. However, under the terms, Mr Wolf says, any carrier in which an American corporation had a significant stake would no longer be deemed a European airline, and would therefore lose its licences.

Instead, Mr Wolf says, British and American negotiators should seek a "substantial" package of liberalisation measures, short of the US commission proposals, as a token of good faith. "We should aim for an opening that is as large as possible for as many carriers as possible ... between the two countries and as many others as we can bring in," he said.

Harnessing enthusiasm for freer aviation markets on both sides of the Atlantic would provide a chance to encourage growth in travel and tourism, the world's biggest industry.

Intense domestic competition, although causing American carriers to lose $8 billion last year, has forced United Airlines and its rivals to pare costs to the bone. BA, Mr Wolf said, was "some per cent higher than our unit costs" but "100 per cent ahead of Air France and maybe 50 per cent ahead of Japan Air Lines". Like American carriers, BA would be a winner under greater competition, which explained the lack of enthusiasm for it in continental Europe.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

BOSTROM (Int)
Pre-tax:£1,003,000
EPS:4.3p (3.9p)
Div:2.5p (2.5p)
Last time's profit was £796,000. Trading conditions improved in UK markets. Luxury car volumes have shown growth.

GIBBS AND DANDY (Int)
Pre-tax:£292,000
EPS:2.5p (LPS 1.2p)
Div:1p (nil)
Last time's loss was £92,000. Margins maintained despite difficult trading. Interest payable down 65 per cent.

PEGASUS (Int)
Pre-tax:£1,017,000
EPS:9.4p (3.8p)
Div:2p (2p)
Last time's profit was £335,000. Strong cash balance of £2,405,000. Forms division continues to grow.

MALLETT (Int)
Pre-tax:£409,000
EPS:1.98p (LPS 3.51p)
Div:0.5p (nil)
Last time's loss was £485,000. Sales rose from £3,005,000 to £5,134,000. Trading improved in all areas but still difficult.

EFT GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax:£881,000
EPS:1.79p (1.49p)
Div:0.46p (0.40p)
Last time's profit was £706,000. Marked upturn in new business since February. Reduced incidence of arrears.

MERLIN INTL. GREEN (Int)
Pre-tax: £617,221
EPS: 1.92p (1.1p)
Div: 1.7p (1p)
Previous revenue before tax was £387,144. Income from investments rose to £700,151 from £468,040. Net asset value was 58.71p a share.

Shares finish all-square after Bundesbank pegs rates

INVESTORS fought an impressive rearguard action, after the Bundesbank decided against cutting German interest rates. The market clawed back earlier falls to finish all-square. The FT-SE 100 index, down more than 20 points at one time, moved into positive territory, before closing unchanged at Wednesday's record closing high of 3,079.2. A total of 670 million shares were traded.

The fight-back was initiated by the futures market, with UBS believed to be leading the buyers. Prices in the cash market quickly responded, driven higher by selective support from both the US and Europe, stock shortages and a continued absence of sellers.

It is now hoped that the Germans will cut their rates at the next Bundesbank meeting in two weeks' time.

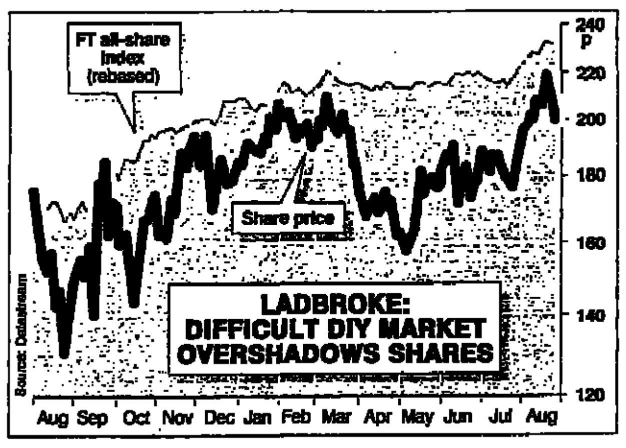
STOCK MARKET

American investors came in for such issues as **Marks and Spencer**, up 8p at 373p and **RTZ**, 12p better at 724p. **Rank Organisation** continued to respond to a visit this week by analysts to its south coast leisure interests with a rise of 3p to 777p. There is also speculation that the group may be about to dispose of eight of its provincial hotels in a deal worth about £25 million.

Siebe fell 10p to 527p, after 522p, as a large line of stock circulated within the market place before being placed.

Reuter climbed 8p to £15.24 as the company began buying back some of its issued stock from the institutions. **WH Smith A** fell 3p to 468p on further consideration of this week's figures and the increased losses at Do-It-All, its joint venture with **Boots**, 2p firmer at 488p. **Kingfisher**, which owns rival B&Q, ended 4p lower at 665p, with Kitcat & Aitken turning bearish. Rival **Ladbroke**, which owns Texas Homecare, also lost ground, ending 3p down at 202p.

Fisons fell 3p to 179p after a profit downgrading by Kleinwort Benson, the broker, before the interim figures. Kleinwort is now looking for



£118 million for the full year compared with £100.3 million. It says sales of Tilade in the US have been disappointing in the first two months.

Dealings will start later this autumn in **Cantab Pharmaceuticals**, the biopharmaceutical company, which is already quoted in the US. BZW expects Cantab to raise between £15 million and £20 million by way of the proposed offer for sale.

The drinks sector recovered from a hesitant start following negative comments by Nomura, the Japanese securities house. **Allied-Lyons** finished 8p better at 628p, as investors switched out of **Bass**, down 11p at 511p. There were also gains for **Devenish**, up 2p at 389p, **Greenalls**, 4p at 372p, and **Whitbread** 2p at 555p. **Scottish & Newcastle** climbed 9p to 482p, despite telling shareholders at the annual meeting that recovery remained slow.

Rentokil rose 7p to 217p after cheering the market with a hike in first half profits from £51.5 million to £67 million.

Wolseley, the building products group, fell 6p to 648p after announcing plans to raise £106.5 million via a placing of 16.85 million new shares at 632p. At least half have already been placed by Warburg Securities.

Guardian Royal Exchange touched 221p before ending the day 1p lighter at 213p after reporting a sharp rise in first half profits. **HSBC** rallied 14p to 730p, helped by a better performance from the Hong Kong stock market following heavy falls earlier this week. Half-year figures from HSBC are expected nest week.

ACT Group, the computer sofware specialist, recovered an early 4p deficit to finish all-square at 176p after Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank, sold its 10.33 per cent stake in the company. The 19 million shares were bought by Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, at 161½p, raising £30.8 million. They were then placed with various institutions at 163p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED** shrugged off the disappointment of the Bundesbank decision to peg rates. The future eased three ticks to £112$^{11}/_{16}$ as investors straddled between the September and December series. A total of 51,000 contracts were completed in the September series. At the longer end, **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** slipped three ticks to £116$^{1}/_{32}$, as did **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** to £112$^{7}/_{8}$ at the shorter end.

MICHAEL CLARK

Renault warns as it slows

A downturn in interim profits at Renault, the French carmaker, to Fr730 million from Fr5.44 billion was less severe than anticipated, but the company warned that the economic environment remained poor and would stunt future earnings. Operating profit plunged to Fr863 million in the first half from Fr5.50 billion while turnover sank to Fr87.11 billion (Fr95.05 billion).

Volvo, the Swedish carmaker, yesterday reported a first-half profit excluding tax and minorities of Kr380 million (£311.6 million) against a Kr103 million loss in the 1992 period.

Reuters offer

A £350 million share buyback offer by Reuters, the international communications group, was more than 6.5 times oversubscribed. The group received offers from investors holding 164.3 million shares, or about 38.65 per cent of the company's share capital. The offer, launched last month, was for up to 25 million shares at £14 each, representing 5.84 per cent of the group's capital.

Swire slips

Swire Pacific of Hong Kong yesterday said net profits fell 17 per cent to HK$1.8 billion (£156.3 million) for the six months to end-June. Swire blamed the fall on a 46 per cent profit plunge at its 52 per cent-owned Cathay Pacific Airways and a reduction in exceptional profits from property sales.

Cattle's gains

Cattle's Holdings, the Hull financial services group, lifted pre-tax profits by 4 per cent in the six months to June 30 thanks to a strong performance from its consumer credit business, Shopacheck. The interim dividend rises 19 per cent from 1.6p to 1.9p.

Rentokil profits grow 30% on global gains

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

RENTOKIL, the international environmental and property services group, has comfortably beaten its target of achieving at least 20 per cent growth in profits and earnings at the interim stage. Gains were made in all regions of the world in which the group operates.

In the six months to end-June, the group, which last month made a successful £75 million hostile takeover bid for Securiguard, the security firm, saw pre-tax profits rise more than 30 per cent from £51.5 million to £67.1 million.

Rentokil, best-known for its pest control activities, which accounted for only 30 per cent of its operations before the Securiguard acquisition, has businesses ranging from environmental services and tropical plants to health care.

Most of those registered good growth, with profits in the UK up nearly 20 per cent to £26.6 million, up 31 per cent to £18.8 million in Europe, ahead 50 per cent to £5.2 million in North America, and up 44.8 per cent to £14.2 million in Asia, the Pacific and Africa.

Clive Thompson, chief executive, said tropical plants had shown excellent growth, while healthcare, pest control and hygiene all made steady progress. The property care arm also derived some benefit from the reviving economy, he said.

Of the Securiguard purchase, which took Rentokil into security services for the first time, Mr Thompson said: "Our initial reviews confirm that this should prove an attractive acquisition for the group."

The trading performance outstripped most City projections, and the shares added 7p to 219p. Mr Thompson added that the property care arm, which deals with areas such as treatment for woodworm and damp, had benefited from a patchy upturn in the house-moving market.

MICHAEL POWELL



Clive Thompson believes the group's acquisition of Securiguard will work out well

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Dow loses ground in early trade

New York — Shares traded lower at midday as the market ended its recent rally and the high technology sector came under fire. Strength in Alcoa and some oil stocks briefly pulled the Dow Jones industrial average into positive territory but at midday it was down 6.15 points at 3,645.94. Declining issues led advancing shares by ten to eight.

Alfred Goldman of A.G. Edwards and Sons, said: "This is a market that has been spending all year rotating, playing favourites for a week and then moving on."

Treasuries remained firm, despite the Bundesbank's decision not to cut key interest rates. The long bond was up $^{5}/_{32}$ to yield 6.16 per cent.

☐ **Tokyo** — The Nikkei average closed up 70.31 at 20,591.76 on late index-linked buying. Trading was slow, with investors reluctant to buy on the last trading day for delivery within August, brokers said.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Demand for blue chips after four days of losses sent the Hang Seng index climbing 183.50 points to end at 7,449.08 after sliding some 300 points since reaching a record close last Thursday.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares ended nearly one percent lower as market hopes of lower interest rates faded. The Dax index ended down 16.63 points at 1,901.15.

☐ **Sydney** — The all-ordinaries index closed up 18.9 points at 1,941.5. A broker said potential resolution of the 1993/94 federal budget conflict brought back overseas buyers and boosted local sentiment.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index closed at a record high of 2,010.19, up 34.10 points, powered by institutional buying of index-linked stocks. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Aug 26 midday	Aug 25 close
AMP Inc	64¾	64¼
AMR Corp	67¼	67½
Abbott Labs	25¼	25¼
Aetna Life	59¼	59
Ahmanson (HF)	20	19¾
Air Prod & Chem	43¼	43¾
Albertson's	54¼	54¾
Alcan Alumnm	20⅞	20⅞
Alco Standard	45⅜	45⅜
Allied Signal	74¼	74⅜
Alum Co of Am	77⅜	76½
Amax	25½	25⅛
Amerada Hess	52⅞	52⅝
Amer Brands	32½	32¾
Amer Cyanamid	52½	52⅛
Amer El Power	38⅜	38⅜
Amer Express	33⅛	33⅞
Amer Genl Corp	34⅝	34⅞
Amer Home Pr	62⅜	62⅝
Amer Intl	95⅛	95⅜
Amer Stores	45½	46½
Amer T & T	60⅜	60⅝
Ameritech	83	83⅛
Amoco	57½	57⅜
Anheuser-Busch	46⅛	46⅛
Apple Computer	26⅛	27⅛
Archer Daniels	22⅝	22⅛
Arkla	8⅛	8⅛
Armco	6⅛	7
Armstrng Wrld	38	38⅛
Asarco	19⅛	19⅛
Ashland Oil	32⅛	32⅛
Atl Richfield	115	114⅛
Auto Data Pro	48⅛	48
Avery Dennison	26	26⅛
Avon Products	58⅛	59⅛
Baker Hughes	27⅛	28
Baltim Gas & El	27⅛	27
Banc One	52⅛	52⅛
BankAmerica	46⅛	46⅛
Bank of NY	57⅛	54
Bankers Tr NY	78⅛	79⅛
Barnett Banks	46⅛	46⅛
Bausch & Lomb	45⅛	46⅛
Baxter Intl	26⅛	26⅛
Bectn Dickinsn	36⅛	36⅛
Bell Atlantic	61⅛	60⅛
BellSouth	58⅛	58⅛
Black & Decker	20⅛	20⅛
Block (H&R)	38⅛	39⅛
Boeing	38⅛	39⅛
Boise Cascade	20⅛	21
Borden Inc	17	16⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	55⅛	54⅛
Browning Ferris	23⅛	23⅛
Burlington Nthn	54⅛	54⅛
CBS	250⅛	250⅛
CNA Financial	86⅛	86⅛
CPC Intl	44⅛	44⅛
CSX	78⅛	77⅛
Campbell Soup	38⅛	38⅛
Can Pacific	15⅛	15⅛
Cpl Cities ABC	506	500⅛
Cpl Holdings	42	41⅛
Carolina Pwr	33⅛	33⅛
Caterpillar	82⅛	82⅛
Central & SW	32⅛	32⅛
Champion Intl	33	33⅛
Chase Manhat	34⅛	34
Chemical Bk	40⅛	40⅛
Chevron Corp	91⅛	91⅛
Chrysler	42⅛	41⅛
Chubb Corp	90⅛	90
Cigna Corp	63⅛	63⅛
Citicorp	33⅛	33⅛
Clorox	51⅛	51⅛
Coastal Corp	29⅛	29⅛
Coca Cola	42⅛	43⅛
Colgate-Palmolive	51	51⅛
Columbia Gas	25⅛	25⅛
Commonw Ed	30	30
Compaq Comp	52⅛	53⅛
Comp Ass Int	29⅛	29⅛
Conagra	24⅛	24⅛
Cons Edison	36⅛	36⅛
Cons Nat Gas	55⅛	55⅛
Cons Rail	55⅛	55⅛
Cooper Inds	51⅛	51⅛
Corning Inc	32⅛	32⅛
Crown Cork	36	35⅛
Dana Corp	53⅛	54⅛
Dayton Hudson	68⅛	68⅛
Deere	73⅛	73⅛
Delta Air Lines	55⅛	55⅛
Deluxe Corp	37⅛	37
Detroit Edison	35⅛	35⅛
Digital Equip	39⅛	40
Dillard Dept St	37⅛	37⅛
Disney (Walt)	39	39⅛
Dominion Res	47⅛	47
Donelley (RR)	30⅛	30⅛
Dover Corp	52⅛	52
Dow Chemicals	60⅛	60⅛
Dow Jones	31⅛	31⅛
Dresser	23⅛	23⅛
Duke Power	42⅛	42⅛
Dun & Bradstreet	61⅛	61⅛
Du Pont	48⅛	48⅛
Eastman Kodak	61⅛	62⅛
Eaton Corp	48⅛	47⅛
Emerson Elec	60⅛	60⅛
Engelhard Corp	40⅛	40⅛
Enron Corp	36⅛	35⅛
Entergy Corp	38⅛	38⅛
Ethyl Corp	18⅛	18⅛
Exxon	65⅛	65⅛
FMC Corp	49⅛	48⅛
FPL Group	38⅛	38⅛
Federal Express	59⅛	60
Fed Nat Mtge	79⅛	80
First Chicago	45⅛	45⅛
First Interstate	60⅛	61
First Union Rlty	10⅛	11
Fleet Finl Grp	31⅛	31⅛
Fluor Corp	44⅛	46⅛
Ford Motor	52⅛	51⅛
GTE Corp	35⅛	35⅛
Gannett	50⅛	51
Gap Inc Del	27⅛	28⅛
Gen Dynamics	94⅛	94⅛
Gen Electric	98⅛	99
Gen Mills	62⅛	62⅛
Gen Motors	47⅛	46⅛
Gen Reinsurance	130⅛	129⅛
Gen Signal	32⅛	32
Genuine Parts	36⅛	36⅛
Georgia Pac	63⅛	62⅛
Gillette	53⅛	53⅛
Glaxo ADR	17⅛	17⅛
Goodrich (BF)	48⅛	48⅛
Goodyear Tire	41⅛	41⅛
Grace (W&R)	39⅛	39⅛
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28⅛	28⅛
Great Wstn Fin	17⅛	17⅛
Halliburton	39⅛	40⅛
Harcourt General	42	42
Heinz (HJ)	37⅛	37⅛
Hercules	85⅛	85⅛
Hershey Foods	47⅛	47⅛
Hewlett Packard	75	75
Hilton Hotels	46⅛	46⅛
Home Depot	40⅛	41⅛
Homestake Mng	19⅛	20
Honeywell	38⅛	38⅛
Household Intl	76⅛	75⅛
Houston Inds	46⅛	46⅛
Humana	13	13
ITT Corp	94	94⅛
Illinois Tool	39⅛	39
INCO	21⅛	22
Ingersoll Rand	37⅛	37⅛
Inland Steel	27⅛	27⅛
Intel Corp	61⅛	62⅛
IBM	43⅛	44
Intl Flav & Fr	114⅛	115⅛
Intl Paper	67⅛	67⅛
James River Va	21	21⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	40⅛	39⅛
K Mart	22⅛	23
Kellogg	51⅛	52⅛
Kerr-McGee	55⅛	55⅛
Kimberly-Clark	48⅛	48⅛
Knight-Ridder	54⅛	54⅛
Lilly (Eli)	46⅛	45⅛
Limited Inc	22⅛	22⅛
LIN Brdcstng	119⅛	119
Lincoln Nat	45⅛	45⅛
Litton	65⅛	65⅛
Liz Claiborne	23	23⅛
Lockheed Corp	60⅛	60
Louisiana Pac	35⅛	35⅛
MCI Commun	26⅛	26⅛
Marriott	28⅛	28⅛
Marsh & McLnn	90	89⅛
Masco Corp	31⅛	30⅛
May Dept St	42⅛	43
Maytag Corp	17⅛	17⅛
McCaw Cellular	55⅛	55⅛
McDonalds	54⅛	54⅛
McDonnell D	79⅛	81⅛
McGraw Hill	69⅛	69⅛
Mead Corp	46⅛	46⅛
Medtronic	63⅛	61⅛
Mellon Bk	58⅛	58
Melville Corp	46⅛	46⅛
Merck Inc	32⅛	31⅛
Merrill Lynch	93⅛	94⅛
Minnesota Mine	108	108⅛
Mobil Corp	78⅛	77⅛
Monsanto	64⅛	64⅛
Morgan (JP)	74⅛	74⅛
Motorola Inc	92⅛	94⅛
Natl Medical	11⅛	11⅛
Natl Semi	17⅛	18⅛
Natl Service Ind	25⅛	25⅛
Navistar Int	24	24⅛
NBD Bancorp	32⅛	32⅛
NY Times A	24⅛	24⅛
Newmont Mng	50⅛	51⅛
Niag Mohawk	24⅛	24⅛
Nike B	55	55⅛
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	31	31⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	69⅛	69⅛
Nthn State Pwr	46⅛	46⅛
Norwest Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Nynex Corp	89⅛	89⅛
Occidental Pet	21⅛	21⅛
Ohio Edison	25⅛	25⅛
Oracle Systems	49⅛	54⅛
Oryx Energy Co	23	23⅛
Owens Corning	43	43⅛
PNC Financial	30	30
PPG Industries	68⅛	69
Paccar Inc	62⅛	62⅛
Pacificorp	19⅛	19⅛
Pac Enterprises	26⅛	26⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	36	36⅛
Pac Telesis	53⅛	53
Pall Corp	17⅛	17⅛
Panhandle East	27	27⅛
Paramnt Comm	54⅛	54
Parker Hannifin	34⅛	35⅛
Penney (JC)	45⅛	45⅛
Pennzoil	70	69
Pepsico	38⅛	38⅛
Pfizer	63	62
Phelps Dodge	47⅛	46⅛
Philadel Elec	32⅛	32⅛
Philip Morris	48	48⅛
Phillips Pet	33	32⅛
Pitney Bowes	41⅛	42⅛
Polaroid	39⅛	38⅛
Price Co	35⅛	35⅛
Primerica	37	37
Procter & Gmbl	47⅛	48⅛
Pub Serv E & G	35⅛	35⅛
Quaker Oats	68⅛	68⅛
Ralston Purina	37⅛	37⅛
Raychem Corp	40⅛	39⅛
Raytheon	63⅛	63⅛
Reebok Intl	23⅛	23⅛
Reynolds Metals	51⅛	51⅛
Roadway Srvcs	58⅛	58⅛
Rockwell Intl	36⅛	36⅛
Rohm & Haas	54⅛	55
Royal Dutch	100⅛	99⅛
Rubbermaid	32⅛	32⅛
Safeco Corp	64⅛	64⅛
St Paul's Cos	90	90⅛
Salomon Inc	49⅛	48⅛
Santa Fe Pac	18⅛	18⅛
Sara Lee Corp	25⅛	25⅛
Scecorp	24⅛	24⅛
Schering Plough	60⅛	60⅛
Schlumberger	66	66⅛
Scott Paper	34⅛	35⅛
Seagram	27⅛	27⅛
Sears Roebuck	52⅛	51
Shell Trans	60⅛	60⅛
Sherwin Wlms	33⅛	33⅛
Skyline Corp	18⅛	18⅛
Snap-On-Tools	42⅛	42⅛
Southern Co	44⅛	44⅛
Sthwestern Bell	43⅛	43⅛
Sprint Corp	37	37⅛
Stanley Works	42⅛	42⅛
Sun Company	28	27⅛
Suntrust	43⅛	44
Supervalu	36⅛	36⅛
Syntex Corp	18⅛	17⅛
Sysco Corp	29⅛	29⅛
TRW Inc	65⅛	64⅛
Tandem Comp	8⅛	8⅛
Tandy Corp	29⅛	29⅛
Telecom Corp	3⅛	3⅛
Teledyne	24⅛	25
Temple Inland	43	43⅛
Tenneco	53⅛	53⅛
Texaco	65⅛	64⅛
Texas Inst	79⅛	82⅛
Texas Utilities	49⅛	49⅛
Textron	57⅛	57⅛
Time Warner	40⅛	40
Times-Mirror	31⅛	31⅛
Timken	33⅛	33⅛
Torchmark	57⅛	57⅛
Toys R Us	36⅛	36⅛
Transamerica	59⅛	59⅛
Travelers Corp	34⅛	34⅛
Tribune	51⅛	51
Tyco Labs	44⅛	45⅛
UAL Corp	148⅛	149⅛
UST Inc	27⅛	28⅛
USX Marathon	20⅛	19⅛
Unilever NV	104⅛	105
Union Camp	46	48
Union Carbide	18⅛	18⅛
Union Pacific	66⅛	66⅛
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAIR Group	16	16
USF&G Corp	18⅛	18⅛
US Life	41⅛	41⅛
US West	45⅛	45⅛
United Tech	57⅛	58⅛
Unocal Corp	29⅛	28⅛
Upjohn	29⅛	29⅛
VF Corp	49⅛	49⅛
WMX Tech	30⅛	30⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	25⅛	25⅛
Warner-Lambert	70⅛	70⅛
Wells Fargo	116	118⅛
Westinghouse El	15⅛	15⅛
Weyerhaeuser	41⅛	41⅛
Whirlpool	67⅛	68
Whitman	14⅛	14⅛
Winn Dixie	60⅛	60⅛
Woolworth	25	25⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	39⅛	40⅛
Xerox	74⅛	74⅛

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
HSBC	730p (+13½p)	Bass	511p (-11p)
Matthew Clark	458p (+10p)	Siebe	527p (-10p)
J Halstead	323p (+9p)	Takeda Chem	806p (-18p)
Hickson	180p (+9p)	Weir	318p (-30p)
Swire Pacific 'A'	328p (+11p)	Wellcome	743p (-13p)
Bilton	630p (+11p)	Liberty Life	951p (-11p)
Cardiff Prop	205p (+10p)	First Leisure	294p (-11p)
Derwent Hldgs	530p (+15p)	Burmah Castrol	772p (-10p)
Jardine Math	524p (+18p)	Sappi	360p (-19p)
Sothebys	863p (+25p)		
Antofagasta	880p (+10p)		

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RECENT ISSUES

Anglian Water Wrts	97	...
Bakyrchik (120)	133	-5
BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	182½	-½
Dunedin Japan Inv (100)	99	+2
Dunedin Japan Inv Wts	53	...
EFM Small Co's Tst (100)	99	...
EFM Small Co's Warrants	53	...
Explaura A	5	...
Finsbury Smaller Co's C	153	...
Flying Flowers (65)	82	...
For & Col Special Inc	70	+1
For & Col Spl Capital	46	+1
Lazard High Inc Tst (100)	112	...
Martin Currie Pac Wts	64	...
Raglan Warrants	27	...
Sharelink Inv Servs (250)	345	+9
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Business Technology n/p (10)	3¼	+¼
Cussins Property n/p (75)	20	...
Nrthmbrn Fine Foods n/p (8)	3	...
Sedgwick n/p (165)	24	-1
TT Group n/p (240)	33	+3
Villiers n/p (10½)	¾	...
Wilton n/p (1)	½	...

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	6,500	Cadbury	1,000	MB Caradn	2,100	Scot Power	2,300
Abbey Natl	1,800	Carlton Cms	712	Marks Spr	4,600	Sears	4,200
Alld-Lyons	4,100	Coats Viyella	727	NFC	453	Svrn Trent	1,500
Anglian W	882	Cm Union	2,600	NatWst Bk	3,100	Shell Trans	2,900
Argyll Gp	2,500	Courtaulds	2,800	Nat Power	1,900	Siebe	1,600
Arjo Wiggn	919	De La Rue	211	Nth Wst W	622	SmKl Bch	3,300
AB Foods	396	Enterpr Oil	1,100	Nthrn Fds	2,800	Smith Nph	1,700
BAA	3,000	Forte	1,100	P & O	671	Std Chartd	1,000
BAT Inds	4,300	GRE	5,900	Pearson	1,600	Sun Allnce	1,400
BOC	1,600	GUS A	220	PowerGen	3,300	TI Gp	1,000
BP	9,800	Gen Acc	954	Prudential	2,100	TSB	2,900
BT	4,600	Gen Elec	1,700	RMC	427	Tate & Lyle	590
BTR	4,200	Glaxo	3,300	RTZ	1,300	Tesco	5,000
Bk of Scot	3,500	Granada	1,600	Rank Org	1,200	Thames W	1,000
Barclays	2,900	Grand Met	2,300	Reckitt Col	426	Thrn EMI	793
Bass	2,000	Guinness	1,800	Redland	997	Tomkins	5,900
Blue Circle	2,900	HSBC	2,500	Reed Intl	282	Unilever	845
Boots	2,200	Hanson	5,700	Rentokil	3,300	Utd Bisc	826
Bowater	1,300	ICI	1,400	Reuters	657	Vodafone	3,600
Brit Aero	1,200	Inchcape	662	Rothmans	1,100	Warburg (SG)	309
Brit Airwys	2,400	Kingfisher	2,100	Ryl Ins	3,700	Wellcome	1,000
Brit Gas	4,800	Ladbroke	3,700	Ryl Bk Scot	3,200	Whitbd 'A'	1,100
Brit Steel	4,100	Land Secs	1,600	Sainsbury	2,100	Wlims Hld	1,400
Burmah Cast	164	Legal & Gn	1,900	Scot Hydro	436	Wolseley	651
Cable Wire	1,500	Lloyds Bk	1,900	Scot & New	3,100	Zeneca	2,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3643.71 (-8.38)
S&P Composite .... 459.29 (-0.84)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20591.76 (+70.31)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7449.08 (+183.50)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 127.5 (-1.5)

Sydney: AO .... 1941.5 (+18.9)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1901.15 (-16.63)

FT 30 share: .... 2393.6 (-0.7)

Brussels:
General .... 6819.80 (-30.11)

Paris: CAC .... 590.02 (+3.37)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 574.00 (-3.20)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1527.83 (+0.25)
FT 500 .... 1649.61 (-0.41)
FT Gold Mines .... 193.50 (-3.50)
FT Fixed Interest .... 123.80 (-0.16)
FT Govt Secs .... 101.45 (-0.18)
Bargains 31881
SEAQ Volume 671.3m
USM (Datastrm) .... 143.36 (+0.27)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 23	September 10	November 25	December 6

Call options were taken out on 26/8/93: Avesco, BM Group, Clyde Petroleum, Flextech, HSBC, Pentland, Spring Ram, Telemetrix.

Puts & Calls: Anglo Pacific Res, Stenehill, Tarmac.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 56543)	Sep 93	3091.0	3105.0	3062.0	3098.0	13629
	Dec 93	3111.0	3120.0	3088.5	3120.5	1338
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 365895)	Sep 93	94.18	94.19	94.14	94.14	7607
	Dec 93	94.60	94.59	94.51	94.54	20768
	Mar 94	94.70	94.70	94.62	94.64	4216
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 13923)	Sep 93	96.75	96.75	96.74	96.74	254
	Dec 93	96.48	96.48	96.48	96.48	314
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 667303)	Sep 93	93.56	93.56	93.48	93.49	39409
	Dec 93	94.11	94.11	94.04	94.06	44962
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 89882)	Sep 93	112-28	112-29	112-16	112-22	56802
	Dec 93	112-16	112-19	112-08	112-14	36756
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	111.53	111.53	111.53	111.55	50
	Dec 93	110.85	110.93	110.82	110.88	1398
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 180114)	Sep 93	97.58	97.61	97.34	97.44	89069
	Dec 93	97.70	97.72	97.49	97.58	17714
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 32960)	Sep 93	92.85	92.85	92.64	92.66	2871
	Dec 93	93.92	93.92	93.76	93.76	2788
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 16167)	Sep 93	100.65	100.67	100.47	100.52	5414
	Dec 93	100.72	100.72	100.60	100.66	2053
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 52186)	Sep 93	95.43	95.43	95.30	95.33	8566
	Dec 93	95.78	95.78	95.72	95.73	3402
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 63164)	Sep 93	113.55	113.70	112.75	113.02	38931
	Dec 93	113.30	113.50	112.53	112.81	6537

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.7 (day's range 80.4-80.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 26	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8111-2.8460	2.8425-2.8460	¼-⅛ds	¼-⅛ds
Brussels	52.82-54.05	53.85-54.05	17-23ds	43-52ds
Copenhagen	10.2610-10.4140	10.3760-10.4140	4¼-5⅛ds	10⅞-12⅝ds
Dublin	1.0592-1.0808	1.0734-1.0808	7-13ds	18-27ds
Frankfurt	2.5007-2.5252	2.5220-2.5252	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅝ds
Lisbon	254.60-259.33	258.40-259.33	89-138ds	289-389ds
Madrid	198.49-204.71	204.12-204.71	18-92ds	219-253ds
Milan	2370.80-2407.20	2404.00-2407.20	8-10ds	21-24ds
Montreal	1.9468-1.9886	1.9857-1.9886	0.26-0.15pr	0.47-0.35pr
New York	1.4850-1.5130	1.5120-1.5130	0.34-0.32pr	0.98-0.96pr
Oslo	10.8400-11.0240	10.9860-11.0240	par-1ds	par-1⅛ds
Paris	8.7090-8.8440	8.8220-8.8440	1⅛-1⅝ds	2⅞-3⅜ds
Stockholm	12.0440-12.2800	12.2290-12.2680	1⅝-3ds	4⅛-5⅜ds
Tokyo	156.22-158.57	158.30-158.57	½-⅜pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.59-17.83	17.79-17.83	¾-1⅛ds	2⅝-4⅛ds
Zurich	2.1975-2.2249	2.2218-2.2249	⅛-⅛pr	⅜-⅛pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4960-1.4985
Australia dollar	2.2276-2.2309
Bahrain dinar	0.554-0.566
Brazil cruzeiro *	134.23-135.53
Cyprus pound	0.75-0.76
Finland marka	8.602-8.718
Greece drachma	348.25-355.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.5785-11.5878
India rupee	46.29-47.25
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4425-0.4525
Malaysia ringgit	3.8185-3.8225
Mexico peso	4.55-4.65
New Zealand dollar	2.6807-2.6874
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.507-5.633
Singapore dollar	2.4065-2.4097
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9447-6.9943
S Africa rand (com)	5.0189-5.0246
U A E dirham	5.393-5.517

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4880-1.4892
Austria	11.75-11.76
Belgium (Com)	35.55-35.65
Canada	1.3145-1.3155
Denmark	6.863-6.883
France	5.8275-5.8375
Germany	1.6725-1.6735
Hong Kong	7.750-7.758
Ireland	1.400-1.402
Italy	1588.5-1590.5
Japan	104.8-104.9
Malaysia	2.5485-2.5495
Netherlands	1.880-1.881
Norway	5.80-5.82
Portugal	170.6-171.1
Singapore	1.606-1.607
Spain	135.0-135.3
Sweden	8.14-8.16
Switzerland	1.4715-1.4725

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 4½ Week fixed: 5⅝
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5⅛. Sell: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth: 5⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5⅞	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5⅝	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5$^{11}/_{16}$	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5$^{9}/_{16}$	
Sterling Money Rates:	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5¾	5⅞-5$^{13}/_{16}$	5⅞-5$^{13}/_{16}$	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝
Interbank:	5$^{15}/_{16}$-5⅞	5⅞-5$^{13}/_{16}$	5⅞-5$^{11}/_{16}$	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝

Overnight: open 5¾, close 4½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5$^{11}/_{16}$	n/a	5$^{11}/_{16}$	5¾	5⅝
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5$^{11}/_{16}$	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5⅝	5⅞-5$^{11}/_{16}$	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5⅝	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5⅝
Dollar CDs:	3.06	n/a	3.11	3.27	3.45
Building Society CDs:	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5¾	5⅞-5$^{11}/_{16}$	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 30, 1993 Agreed rates Aug 25, 1993 to Sept 25, 1993 %. Schemes III: 7.26 %. Reference rate July 1, 1993 to July 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.009 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2$^{15}/_{16}$	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6$^{11}/_{16}$-6$^{9}/_{16}$	6$^{11}/_{16}$-6⅝	6⅝-6⅛	6⅛-6¼	7-6
French Franc:	7½-7¼	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7	6$^{11}/_{16}$-6⅛	8-7
Swiss Franc:	4$^{11}/_{16}$-4⅛	4$^{11}/_{16}$-4⅝	4$^{11}/_{16}$-4⅝	4⅛-4⅛	5-4
Yen:	3⅛-2$^{15}/_{16}$	3-2$^{15}/_{16}$	2$^{15}/_{16}$-$^{13}/_{16}$	2⅞-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $371.60-372.00 Close: $366.60-367.10 High: $372.00-372.50 Low: $365.00-365.50 Krugerrand: $365.00-368.00 (£242.50-244.50)
Sovereigns: Old $83.50-86.50 (£55.75-57.75) New $83.50-86.50 (£55.75-57.75)
Platinum: $383.75 (£256.70) **Silver:** $4.67 (£3.10) **Palladium:** $122.50 (£81.95)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyon	600	44	56½	65½	7½	20½	22½
(*626½)	650	16	29½	38½	30½	45	47½
Argyll	330	25	32	39½	6½	16	19½
(*341)	360	9½	17½	25	25	32½	35½
ASDA	60	-	12	13	-	4	5½
(*65½)	70	-	6	8	-	9	11
Boots	460	39½	48	57	6½	13½	18½
(*498½)	500	15	25	34½	23	32	37
Br Airways	345	23	33½	-	12½	21½	-
(*353)	360	15½	25	33½	20	29½	34
BP	300	29½	32	36½	4	9	12½
(*320½)	330	5	16	21	18	23½	26½
Br Steel	110	10	16	19	6	10	12
(*113)	120	5½	11	14½	12	16	18
C & W	800	59	75	91	9½	22	27½
(*840)	850	27½	46	61½	30	43½	50
CU	600	-	45	51	-	21	32
(*611½)	650	-	20	26	-	49	61
ICI	681	33½	53	-	19	29	-
(*694½)	750	6½	21	29	64½	69½	83
Kingfishr	650	27	48	61	22½	31	35
(*665)	700	6½	23½	35½	52	60	63
Land Sec	650	39½	51	62½	4½	19½	25½
(*672½)	700	12	25	37½	35½	46½	51
M & S	360	18½	26	34	9	15½	15½
(*370½)	390	5	12½	20	27½	32	34½
Nat West	460	45	57	61	5	12	17½
(*494½)	500	18	32	37	19	28	36
Sainsbury	500	24	35½	46	16½	26	31
(*506½)	550	5½	15	24	51	56½	60½
Shell	650	25	43	49	11½	19	28½
(*673½)	700	6	20	24½	42½	47½	50½
Smkl Bch	420	36½	47½	57	9½	19	24
(*449)	460	15½	28	37	29½	39½	44
Storehse	220	13½	19½	24	7½	13½	16
(*222½)	240	5	11	15	21	25	27½
Trafalgar	110	5	-	-	6½	-	-
(*110½)	120	4½	5	11	14	18	19
Unilever	1050	52½	71	96	19	30	44
(*1072½)	1100	25	45	-	43½	55	68
Zeneca	700	31½	48	55	26½	35	45½
(*710½)	750	12	27	32½	60	66	78½

Series		Oct	Feb	May	Oct	Feb	May
Grnd Met	460	17½	29	36	18½	31	35
(*455½)	500	5	14	21	48	58	60½
Ladbroke	200	11½	19½	21½	13	19	25
(*201½)	220	4	11	13½	27½	31½	37½
Utd Bisc	360	34	44½	47½	9	17½	25
(*382)	390	15	26½	31½	23½	32	41

August 26, 1993 Tot: 24076 Call: 13687 Put: 10391 FT-SE Call: 2752 Put: 4183
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Nov	Jan	Apr	Puts Nov	Jan	Apr
BAA	750	66	71	86	10½	17	22
(*798)	800	33	41½	56	29	37½	43½
Thames W	500	49	51½	60	5½	9	12
(*539)	550	16	21½	30	27½	31	34

Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	475	24	36	-	18½	25	-
(*476)	500	12½	24½	27	34	39	47½
BTR	420	5½	13½	16½	35	37½	42
(*395½)	460	1½	5	7	72	73	74
Br Aero	420	54	70½	79	24	35	45
(*446½)	460	34	51½	61	43	56½	66
Br Telcm	420	21	25½	32½	13½	21	22½
(*424)	460	5½	9½	16	41½	47	48½
Cadbury	460	31½	43	46½	12½	17½	25½
(*476)	500	12	23	27	34	39	47
Guinness	500	30	45	52½	10½	27	35½
(*514)	550	9½	21½	29	51½	56½	64
GEC	330	31½	37	43	4½	9	11½
(*353½)	360	13	19½	25½	17	22½	24½
Hanson	240	22	26	28	4	8	10
(*260)	260	10	15	17	12½	17	19½
LASMO	140	14½	21	24	10½	14	16
(*146)	160	6	13	16	24	26½	27
Lucas	140	19½	24	26½	5½	9½	11
(*155)	160	7½	12½	15½	16	19	21½
Pilkngtn	140	22½	24	26	3½	7½	9
(*156)	160	9	13	15	12	17½	19
Prudential	330	16	25	27½	13	19½	24½
(*336)	360	5	12	15	35	37½	43
Redland	550	23½	36	44½	25½	41½	56½
(*542½)	600	7½	19	26½	71½	76	89
Royal Ins	317	16½	26	-	14	20½	-
(*318½)	346	6	13½	-	36	38½	-
Tesco	220	17½	25½	25½	9½	15	18½
(*230)	240	8	15½	18½	20½	26	29½
Vodafone	550	55	64½	74	16	25	29
(*580½)	600	25½	37½	49½	39½	50	55
Williams	330	24	33	37	11½	16	23
(*345)	360	9½	16½	23	29	33	39

FT-SE INDEX (*3079.1)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Sep	146	102	60	30	12	5
Oct	160	117	94	54	34	19
Nov	191	142	110	81	59	41
Dec	200	162	130	97	74	56
Jun	-	240	-	161	-	134
Puts						
Sep	6½	10	20	46	79	125
Oct	18	25	43	64	94	129
Nov	31	45	61	90	109	142
Dec	40	54	74	90	122	150
Jun	-	114	-	153	-	207

Series		Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Abby Nat	390	19½	31½	35½	4	12½	22½
(*404)	420	4	16	24	22½	25½	36
Amstrad	30	5	-	4	1	2	3
(*33½)	35	2	4	5½	2½	4½	5½
Barclays	500	21	39	46	6	16	26
(*517½)	550	3	16½	25	37½	44	52
Blue Circ	260	12	21	28	5½	17	21½
(*266½)	280	3½	12	19	18	29	33
Br Gas	330	7	14	21½	6	16½	20
(*329)	360	1	6	10½	31	38	40
Dixons	220	17	27½	33½	2½	11	16
(*232½)	240	5½	17	23	13	20½	26
Forte	220	15	22	29	2	11	16½
(*232)	240	3½	12	16	17½	22½	27½
Hillsdwn	160	12	19	24	2½	9	12
(*167½)	180	3	9½	12½	13½	20½	24
Lonrho	130	6	13	19	7½	9½	13
(*130½)	140	2	10	14	10	15	19
Sears	110	4	8	11	3	6	8
(*111)	120	1½	4	6	10½	13	14
Thm Emi	950	54½	64	65½	3½	17½	29
(*978)	1000	19	51½	66	19	29½	50½
Tomkins	220	24	29	35½	1½	5	9
(*242½)	240	7½	18	23	6	12	17½
TSB	200	6	15	19	5½	11½	16
(*200)	220	1½	7	1½	22½	24½	28
Wellcome	750	14	46	66	26½	55	66
(*745)	800	4	29	47	65½	59	98

Series		Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Glaxo	550	33½	51	67	8½	33	46
(*574½)	600	9	30	45	35	62	74
HSBC	700	39	66½	75	10½	29	51½
(*730)	750	13	42	52	36½	55½	77
Reuter	1500	42½	01½	29½	22	60	93½
(*1522½)	1550	14½	73	11½	51	95½	07½

Series		Sep	Dec	Feb	Sep	Dec	Feb
R-Royce	140	20½	24	29	1	6	9½
(*158½)	160	6	13½	17	7	15	17½

Series		Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Fisons	180	10	15	21	10½	16	20½
(*179)	200	4	7	12½	24½	29½	33

Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elc	500	44	52	56	6½	13½	16½
(*526)	550	13½	23½	31	29½	37	40

Series		Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Natl Pwr	360	13	25	31½	4	12½	17½
(*368)	390	1½	12	17½	24½	29	33½
Scot Pwr	350	14	26	-	2½	9	-
(*361)	390	1	7½	12	31½	33	36

COMMODITIES

COMMODITY REPORT: Coffee closed sharply higher with near Sep particularly firm amid growing concern about whether nearby supplies are adequate, given the large uncovered position on the first month. Cocoa ended with trimmed gains. The mood still constructive but short-term setbacks cannot be ruled out with the market overbought. Sugar was easier although key support levels still holding.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	782-775	Dec	877-874
Dec	811-810	Mar	889-887
Mar	831-830	May	910-901
May	843-842	Jul	912 SLR
Jul	853-852		
Sep	863-860	Volume:	7278

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1305-1300	May	1205-1200
Nov	1260-1259	Jul	unq
Jan	1228 SLR	Sep	unq
Mar	1210-1205	Volume:	4539

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	
Mar	unq	May	
Aug		Aug	
Oct		Volume:	0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	259.2-57.7
Spot: 294.0		Aug	265.2-63.5
Oct	260.0-59.5	Oct	256.5-54.0
Dec	254.0-52.5	Dec	258.0-54.4
Mar	256.0-55.5	Volume:	808

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average Livstock prices at representative markets on August 26

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	69.51	83.06	130.84
(+/-)	-2.85	-5.36	-2.32
Eng/Wales	69.42	83.16	130.83
(+/-)	-2.89	-5.61	-2.33
(%)	-14.3	-20.2	-4.8
Scotland	74.75	62.63	130.86
(+/-)	-4.12	-4.41	-2.30
(%)	+31.4	-43.0	-40.7

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq		Mar	unq	
Sep	unq		Volume:	0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	103.00
Nov	104.30
Jan	106.20
Mar	108.10
May	110.45
Volume:	378

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	99.50
Nov	102.45
Jan	104.75
Mar	106.55
May	107.75
Volume:	25

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	
Dec	
Feb	
Apr	
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	62.5
Apr	76.9	77.4
May	88.0	89.8
Volume:		39

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Oct 59.75-60.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The market remained in the doldrums whilst watching the changing political scene in Nigeria.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.70	n/c
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.80	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Oct)	17.00	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.25	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	18.55	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	191 (n/c)	194 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	161 (-1)	162 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Sep	163 (-2)	164 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Oct	166 (-1)	167 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	61 (-1)	62 (n/c)
Naphtha	160 (-1)	161 (-2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Sep	161.25-61.50	Dec	168.50-68.75
Oct	n/a	Jan	170.00-70.50
Nov	166.25-66.50	Feb	169.75 BID
		Vol:	11067

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	17.00-17.02	Jan	17.44-17.52
Nov	17.18-17.21	Feb	17.61-17.65
Dec	17.35-17.37	Vol:	15694

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Sep	183.00-84.50	Dec	186.50 SLR
Oct	179.50-80.50	Jan	n/a
Nov	183.50 SLR	Vol:	10

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 93	unq	unq	1410
Sep 93	1440	1410	1410
Oct 93	1460	1450	1449
Nov 93	1465	1460	1462

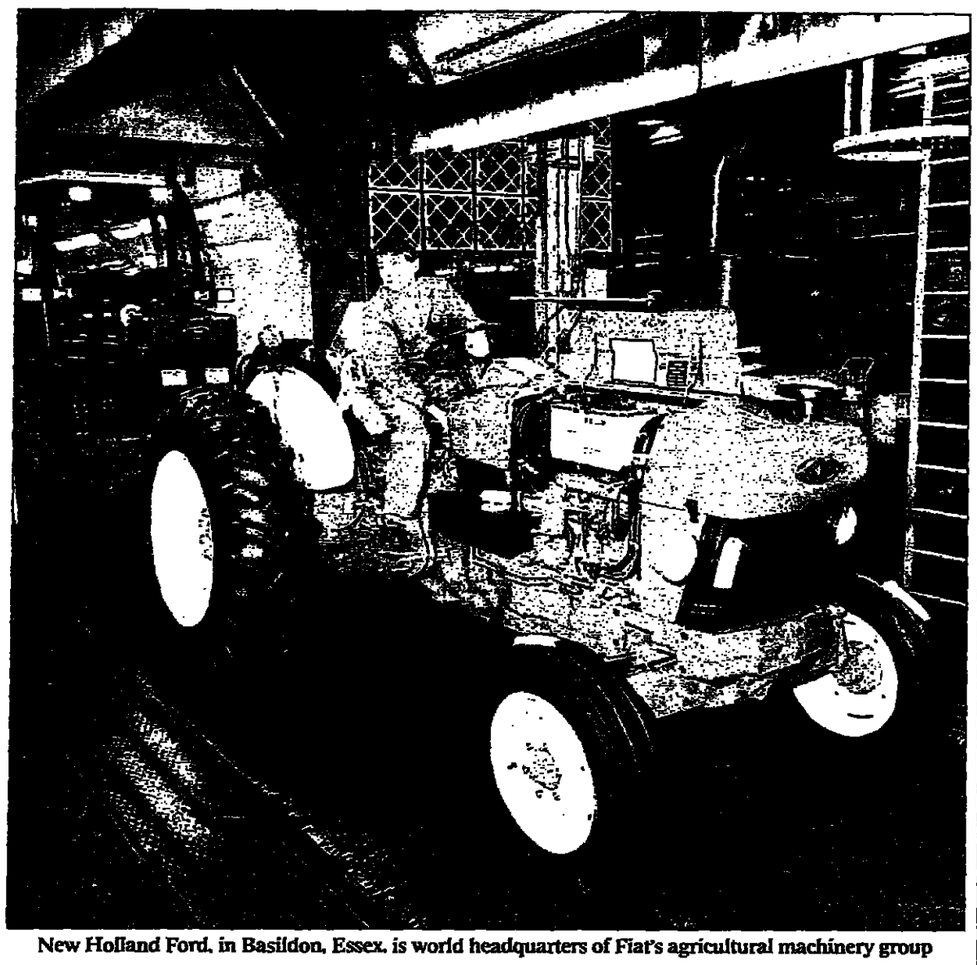
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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1958.5-1959.0	1927.5-1928.0	1145125
Lead ($/tonne)	383.50-384.00	396.00-401.92	103700
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	867.50-868.50	882.00-883.00	508675
Tin ($/tonne)	4664.0-4665.0	4720.0-4721.0	13605
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1140.0-1140.5	1160.5-1161.0	1180725
Nickel ($/tonne)	4520.0-4525.0	4571.0-4575.0	32958

Foreign investment invasion fortifies Britain's economy

Massive chunks of UK industry are owned overseas. And they are performing better than the economy at large, Ross Tieman reports



New Holland Ford, in Basildon, Essex, is world headquarters of Fiat's agricultural machinery group

The offices stand empty, the get-rich-quick spivs are exiled or in clink. But they are just the jetsam of an era that has recast the ownership of British industry. Thirteen of every 100 workers in UK manufacturing now work for a foreign employer: more than 560,000 people. So many companies, both in manufacturing and in the City, are owned overseas that we scarcely notice any more.

Nor is the process a one-way flow. During the 1980s, the City's cash-raising power was harnessed by British companies to fund a massive overseas spending spree. Between 1987 and 1989, overseas direct investment by UK firms reached 4.5 per cent of gross domestic product, a proportion unmatched by any other European state. In the decade to 1993, the value of British corporate acquisitions in America, at $90 billion, was more than double that of Japan's.

Total investment flows are higher still. Between 1987 and 1990, British companies invested a total of £71 billion overseas, half of it in manufacturing operations. By 1990, net profits on overseas direct investments were running at £15.9 billion a year.

Conversely, Britain has also emerged as a leading destination for inward investment. The four years to 1990 saw a direct investment inflow of £55 billion. By 1990, foreign companies were making net profits of £7 billion a year in the UK.

Britain's economy is now one of the most international in the western world. Why has foreign investment been so much higher in Britain than elsewhere? What do foreigners own, and will their presence prove a strength, or a weakness, in the 1990s?

The Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology commissioned a study of the impact of inward and outward investment on Britain's technological competitiveness. It found that "over the last 40 years, the USA and Japan have each placed close to 40 per cent of their direct overseas investment in Britain".

America remains easily Britain's most important source of inward investment. US companies are so deep-rooted here that even the US Department of Commerce cannot say how many there are, or how many people they employ. At best guess, they are more than 3,500 in number and have several hundred thousand employees.

German investors are the second most active group. Almost 1,000 German companies are active here; they employ more than 100,000 people, half of them in manufacturing. The Japanese are latecomers, but captured third place in the inward investment league during the second half of the 1980s. By 1992, 181 Japanese manufacturing companies employed a total of 65,000 workers in Britain.

Inward investment was spurred as deregulation encouraged freer movement of capital. Rapid economic growth gave rise to exaggerated perceptions of opportunity. And many companies outside the EC raced to build plants within the Community for fear that barriers would be erected against them.

Underlying industrial trends also played a part. The increasing complexity of technology pushed up its cost. By exploiting it internationally, companies could spread development costs and undercut rivals. This explains the internationalisation of Britain's highly successful pharmaceutical industry and of industrial companies such as Pilkington or GKN. For some UK firms, accountancy-led management and the ability to claw cash out of the City provided an opportunity to acquire sleepier overseas rivals and gain access to new markets.

Competition caused specialisation. As companies concentrated on what they did best, they closed or sold businesses in which they had failed, or feared they would. This provided opportunities both for foreigners in Britain and for British companies abroad. In 1986, Italy's Fiat reinforced its position in the European truck market by acquiring an interest in the Ford plant at Langley, Berkshire. It soon found other opportunities for acquisitions.

In short order, Fiat bought Seddon Atkinson, the lorry maker; New Holland Ford, the farm tractor maker in Basildon, Essex; a pair of automotive component companies in the West Midlands from Lucas; and CMP Batteries, Chloride's vehicle battery business in Bolton, Lancashire. Fiat now has 26 subsidiaries in Britain employing 7,000 workers. Restructuring has enhanced these companies' competitiveness and integration into the Fiat empire has given them new markets. Magnetti Marelli, formerly a Lucas automotive business in Birmingham, now exports to Japan.

Nor did the businesses become Italian. Rather, they have contributed to Fiat's emergence as an international company. New Holland Ford has become the world headquarters of Fiat's agricultural machinery group.

Foreign investment has helped to compensate for British failure. Foreign companies outperform the economy as a whole. By 1988, they employed 13 per cent of manufacturing manpower but produced 19 per cent of output and accounted for 21 per cent of capital expenditure.

Government subsidies aimed at encouraging inward investment to replace declining industries have tended to draw overseas companies to particular areas. In 1990, foreign-owned manufacturing plants in Scotland employed 80,000 people, a quarter of the total Scottish manufacturing workforce. By 1992, there were 350 foreign-owned plants in Wales, of which 40 per cent were American owned, and half belonged to companies from elsewhere in the EC: one in ten was Japanese.

Surveys by the Association of British Chambers of Commerce and the Confederation of British Industry suggest that the economies of Scotland and Wales have suffered less in the recession than the rest of the country. The most common explanation: they have more modern, better-equipped factories in faster-growing sectors. "By playing host to the best in the world," a CBI study says, "the UK can expect to reap the benefits of best practice in manufacturing methods, quality standards and new product development."

There is anecdotal evidence that a virtuous circle is developing. Sony, in south Wales, admits that managers have been poached by rivals. Some car components makers have raised quality standards to meet the demands of Japanese transplant factories.

The test will be what happens now to British industry. If the CBI is right, British electronics firms should challenge the Japanese in emerging technologies, British engineering groups should start to edge the Germans out of their export markets and British consumer goods companies should be able to show the US a thing or two.

TEMPUS

Bundesbank blinkers

WHEN the Bundesbank decided to leave interest rates unchanged, it ignored the plight of German industry displayed in a series of company results. The depressing half-year figures from Bayer and BASF are far more graphic illustrations of recession than official statistics usually offer.

The 50 per cent fall in pre-tax profits at BASF and the 20 per cent decline at Bayer were as bad as the market expected. The statements that accompanied the figures reinforce the view that there is little chance of an upturn until 1995, while the mark remains so highly valued.

The German chemical companies have never been immune from economic cycles but the scale of the cost cutting they have undertaken shows they feel their position is far weaker than it has been in previous downturns. BASF's announcement that it will cut 4,000 jobs in 1994 comes on top of a 3,000 fall in the past 12 months, together a drop of more than a tenth of the workforce. Such cuts begin to tackle an insupportable cost base.

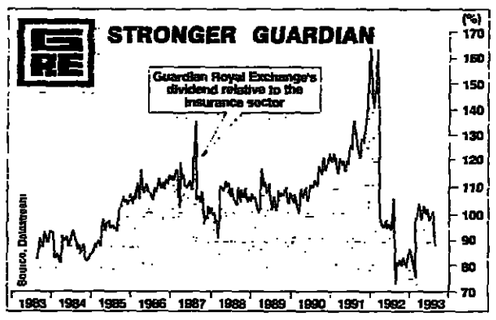
A strong currency, falling demand and low prices are not the only factors working against the chemical groups. The common agricultural policy reforms are depressing agrochemicals sales, while cheap bulk chemical imports from Eastern Europe are hitting their traditional markets. Indeed, Bayer, BASF and Hoechst may never recover to the profit levels of the late 1980s when so much cheap petrochemical capacity is being built in the Middle East and Southeast Asia. A rate cut yesterday would have helped the German chemical industry, but it will take more than that to restore its competitive position.

GRE

HOW fortunate for Guardian Royal Exchange that it could include investment gains in its results for the first time this year, when the world's bond and equity markets are performing so phenomenally well. All insurance companies must present their accounts this way from 1995 under EC regulations, but GRE's ready application of the new rules, which transformed profits from £65 million to £307 million, is certainly timely.

All credit though to GRE's investment team, which achieved better than average returns in both bonds and equities, even after excluding the group's exceptional gains in Ireland. Financial markets have a tendency to go down as well as up though, so the quality of earnings in these new-style accounts is dubious. As the insurance cycle turns, GRE is benefiting from cutting its dividend at the end of 1991, while many of its loss-making rivals stuck it out. The lower pay-out combined with the investment gains has boosted the solvency margin to a comfortable 59 per cent. This should save shareholders from a rights issue, or any other large fund-raising, and allow GRE to advance its dividend again, albeit tentatively.

As a result, GRE's shares have moved steadily higher during the summer, and their yield is now a tenth lower than the sector average. Further outperformance is unlikely, given the group's reliance on volatile investment income.



Rentokil

THE interim figures from Rentokil show why the group had no qualms about paying such a full price in its bid for Securiguard last month. Cash balances grew by almost £13 million to £73 million in the half-year despite a steady flow of small acquisitions and capital spending. At that rate, the group would have cash again at the end of the year despite the £76 million cost of Securiguard.

Rentokil has to prove that it can manage a security company as successfully as it has developed businesses such as tropical plant maintenance. Considering the group makes a return of more than 40 per cent on capital, Securiguard has a high hurdle to clear.

Low interest rates mean that Rentokil must continually spend its cash on expansion to maintain such returns, so it is likely to build Securiguard by acquisition from next year onwards if the business performs. Investors such as Sophus Berendsen, Rentokil's Danish parent, must appreciate such capital growth prospects but there is no sign that income will improve. Rentokil has no intention of reducing its three times cover, leaving the shares on a current year yield of just 1.7 per cent.

Wolseley

WITH the market feeling so generous towards building materials, it is hardly surprising that Wolseley is financing its latest acquisition with yet another share issue. The stock trades at 23 times expected earnings for the year just ended and it is buying Erb on a multiple of about 7 times historic profits. Something needs to go seriously wrong to prevent the deal enhancing earnings.

Timber is a cyclical business and America is beginning to see renewed demand from a revival in housebuilding, with price rises helped along by the green lobby's pressure on clear-cutting lumber companies. Further acquisitions are on the cards but the company is cheekily asking shareholders to pay for them in advance following acquisition-related share issues last month and in April. Wolseley's gearing was only 17 per cent at the last year end: if it needs cash, let it borrow.

Pentland

STEPHEN Rubin, chairman of Pentland, has proved most adept at walking away from deals, as his last-minute withdrawal from acquiring Adidas last year demonstrated. Pentland's interim results, which showed a 23 per cent fall in operating profit from the group's continuing businesses, suggest that this is a skill the company should not use too readily. With net cash resources of £253 million, Pentland, more than most, has the ability to buy what it chooses. Moreover, the sharp 32 per cent drop in interest income shows the damage that can be done by lower interest rates.

The group has made several acquisitions in the past year, but they have been too small to have a positive impact. If Mr Rubin cannot find something better to do with the cash, he should pay another special dividend and allow shareholders to seek higher returns elsewhere.

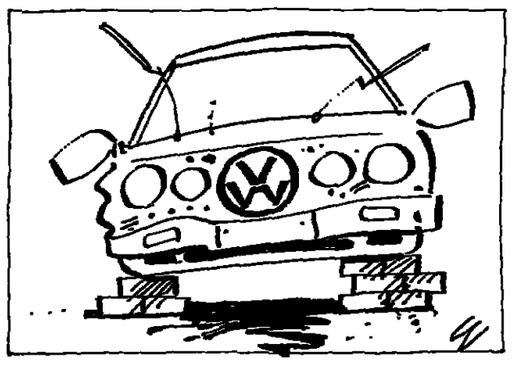
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Knight of the rising sun

A DEEP and respectful bow, today, for Shoichi Saba, former chairman of the giant Toshiba electronics group and past non-executive director of ICI, who has been awarded an honorary knighthood at the age of 74. He will have the honour bestowed upon him at the British embassy in Tokyo next week. Despite standing down from the ICI board in 1991, he remains special adviser to Sir Denys Henderson. He has done much to promote Japanese arts in the UK, and was instrumental in establishing a Japanese gallery at the Victoria and Albert Museum in 1986. On a more commercial note, he was chairman at the time of the famous "Hello Tosh, got a Toshiba?" advertising campaign, and of its memorable follow-up — "The girl who fixes the thing-umabob that makes the video work."

Poached analysts

A SUMMER craze for Latin American analysts is sweeping world stock markets. Most of the action is on Wall Street where, in the latest salvo, Morgan Stanley has poached two top players from Salomon Inc and James Capel. Chip Brown joins from Salomon as Latin American economist, while Rafael Bello arrives from James Capel to cover Latin American financial institutions. Jay Pelosky, Morgan Stanley's Latin America research director and strategist, said: "The firm has decided we are going to be very active here." The moves come about a month after Bear Stearns hired nearly all of James Capel's top-rated Latin American equity research team.



Brussels sprouts

BRUSSELS is the most expensive place to do business in the European Community. British visitors spent an average of £44.20 a day in Belgium last year — a 37 per cent hike on 1992 — putting the chip-loving nation ahead of Italy and other popular business destinations. The best deals are in Greece and Spain. Belgium and Finland tie are the next most expensive places in the world behind Japan, where visitors spent an average of £51.50 a day last year.

Brief departure

ONLY the newly-minted, independent Central Statistical Office has so far acceded to pressure from the Downing Street press office to publish economic statistics two hours earlier, at 9.30 am. Apparently unimpressed by the earnest desire of John Major's press secretary for stats to be released early enough for him to brief lobby correspondents at 11 o'clock, Environment, Trade and Industry and Employment are among government departments that have so far stuck to the traditional time of 11.30 am. So, too, have the Treasury and the Bank of England. No doubt all these institutions will fall into line at some stage ... or will they? Word is that staunch opposition from long distance commuters in the Treasury press office prevented Downing Street from having statistics published at 8.30 am.

Iacocca top-up

LEE Iacocca, the "iron man" who pulled back Chrysler from the brink a decade ago — and slipped into retirement at the end of 1992 — is dipping into reserves to top up his pension. He has notified the Securities Exchange Commission of his plan to sell 1.2 million Chrysler shares in a deal which could net him at least $52 million. This comes on top of a healthy package during his last year as chairman and chief executive. He received $1.53 million in salary and bonus, along with $8.5 million in Chrysler stock as a reward for staying on past the normal retirement age.

Paint job

MOST company car drivers fancy themselves as impulsive, ambitious loners, according to yet another offbeat survey. PHH Vehicle Management Services reports that some 27 per cent of company cars are red — a colour associated with outgoing, impulsive characters who loathe routine — but blue, as in conscientious but dull, is close behind, with 25 per cent. There has been a steep decline in the number of white and silver vehicles, associated with style, status-seeking and a desire to be noticed, with 19 per cent of the workforce driving white cars compared with 22 per cent, and a mere 6 per cent choosing silver. Green, another "boring" choice, romps in at 7.5 per cent, and there are even one or two purple cars.

WHAT a sad day! This is the last time we will have the pleasure of reading Whitehall's little blue book, the Treasury Bulletin. After a gallant three years, the mandarins have decided that the £7.50 publication is probably not paying its way. From now on, any outbreaks of wisdom and wit which the Treasury is keen to offer the public will be published in the form of occasional, special papers.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Ofwat against universal metering

From the Deputy Director General, Ofwat

Sir, Graham Searjeant (August 25) writes that water metering is "Ian Byatt's blindspot" and that "it is clear that the metering idea is fatally flawed".

I would like to make Ofwat's position clear. We do not, and never have, advocated universal installation of water meters. The cost is prohibitive.

We do, however, firmly advocate selective water metering, where it can be done cheaply. There are four opportunities for this: in new houses when the water service is being laid; in existing houses when the water service pipe or stop tap is being replaced; under voluntary schemes where customers opt to have a meter installed, at their own expense; and lastly when it is cheaper than building reservoirs to meet growth in demand.

Graham Searjeant is right to conclude that over time metering will spread. But one of the points he does not make is that metered customers at present pay too much. A major concern for us at Ofwat is to ensure that company tariffs for both unmetered and metered customers reflect the costs of supply. Proper pricing signals can only be given when these imbalances are put right.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BOOKER,
Ofwat,
Centre City Tower,
7 Hill Street, Birmingham.

Some TECs already 'matchmaking'

From Mr Chris Blythe,

Sir, Howard Davies, in his article "An agenda to improve the financing of small firms" (August 25), outlines a suitable role for TECs to act as a "marriage brokerage" service to bring investors and entrepreneurs together.

I would like to point out that the three Cheshire TECs, NORMIDTEC, South and East Cheshire TEC and CEWTEC, are already operating an identical — and highly successful — service for clients in the area.

TEChINVEST, funded by the three Cheshire TECs and the Department of Trade and Industry, was devised specifically to help potential investors and businesses looking for investment to find the right partner.

The way it works is surprisingly simple. The Advisory Service provides specialist support for companies looking for investment by helping to promote their proposals to interested investors.

The Investors Club holds regular meetings where members can hear presentations from selected businesses looking for investment. Regular workshops are also held where experts in the investment field provide practical advice and information for individuals and businesses interested in either seeking investment or looking to invest.

In the NORMIDTEC area alone (covering Halton, Vale Royal and Warrington) in the seven months since TEChINVEST was introduced, eleven proposals have been presented to potential investors and subsequent investments made in two businesses — Specialist Imaging Systems and Teleshop — with negotiations well advanced for another five hopefuls.

Altogether, TEChINVEST has investors with £5.5 million funds available — no small sum in today's economic climate.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS BLYTHE,
Head of Business & Enterprise,
NORMIDEC,
Spencer House,
Dewhurst Road,
Birchwood Centre,
Warrington,
Cheshire.

Counting the names

From Mr N. Mellersh

Sir, In reporting the impressive progress made in implementing the Lloyd's Business Plan (August 24), Sarah Bagnall unwittingly gives further currency to the mischievious claim by the "Militant Tendency" that 17,000 names are in litigation against agents and underwriters.

Leaving aside the fact that a summary of membership of the Action Groups published in the Digest of Lloyd's News totals about 13,000, the figure ignores the fact that many, if not most, militant names belong to several different action groups. This double counting means that the actual number of names involved in litigation is a fraction of the 17,000 claimed — quite probably no more than 5,000 or so. The action groups are not as representative of the membership as they would have us believe.

Yours faithfully,
NICOLAS MELLERSH,
47 Quarrendon Street, SW6.

Correction

Geoffrey Turner, public affairs director at the Securities and Futures Authority, has asked us to point out that his letter yesterday should have read: "where a firm believes on reasonable grounds that it needs to fulfil customers' orders which are likely to result from the publication and that its doing so will not move the price of stock against its customers' interests ..." We apologise for the omission of the word not.

☐ ME Gaisford has asked us to point out that his letter of August 19 should have said where pensions have been fully indexed by an employer "the genuine surplus that then remains would belong to the employer" and not the members as incorrectly printed.

Letters to the Business and Finance section of The Times can be sent by fax on 071-782 5112.

OCEANS OF OPPORTUNITY!

The acclaimed new production of Daphne du Maurier's "September Tide" is transferring from the King's Head Theatre to the West End in September.

For details of how to invest in the Production, please contact Julius Green, King's Head Theatre, 115 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 1QN

Tel: 071 226 8561.

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Ntl	404 †	+ 1	11.5	3.6	15.6
284	179	Allied Irish	270 †	- 1	...	3.8	15.0
197½	130	Aus New Z	197½	+ 3½	...	4.6	...
3806¼	2712½	Bankamerica	3150 †	+62½	...	...	...
255	177	Bk of Ireland	249	- 2	...	4.9	20.0
360	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
176	116½	Bank Scotland	170	+ ½	4.5	3.4	33.9
517	362	Barclays	514 †	- 1	...	...	...
4¼	2	Benchmark	4¼	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	19½	...	...	...	...
568	395	Cater Allen	561	- 1	27.0	6.0	...
150¼	85	Cattles	150¼	+ 4¼	...	3.5	19.8
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2281¼	+ 6¾	...	...	...
2243¾	1347½	Citicorp	2227½	+31¼	...	...	...
415	250	Close Bros	413	- 1	...	2.9	18.4
£130¼	9275	Commerzbk	£126¼	+37½	...	3.1	...
£311¼	£250¼	Deutsche Bk	£308¼	-300	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	86 †	...	...	0.7	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1506	-19	...	0.4	∞
492	343	Gerrard Nat	488	...	21.5	5.5	13.0
774	490	HSBC	730	+13½	19.0	3.3	17.5
752	474	HSBC HK	712	+12	19.0	3.3	17.0
389	243	Hambros	372	...	14.0	4.7	17.2
363	313	Joseph (L)	363	...	16.6	5.7	...
155	96	King Shaxson	151	...	9.0	7.5	...
508	312	Kleinwort Ben	503 †	- 2	16.0	4.0	17.4
591	492	Lloyds	550	+ 2	18.4	4.2	15.7
88	63	Lon Scot Bk	87½	- ½	3.0	4.3	17.3
515	322	Nat Aust Bk	505½	+ 8½	...	4.0	17.5
542	398	Nat West	495 †	...	17.5	4.4	30.1
445	270	Provident	434	...	11.4	3.3	18.8
54	39	Rea Bros	52	...	0.5	1.2	55.0
305	207	Ryl Bk Scot	287	- 2	8.8	3.8	...
1198	467½	Schroders	1193	...	...	1.2	23.8
904	576	Stand Chart	932 †	- 6	20.0	2.7	...
218	145½	TSB	200 †	- 3	6.4	4.0	...
190	78	Union Disc	180	...	...	...	...
813	529	Warburg SG	804	+ 3	...	3.0	20.3
286	185	-do- 6% 'A'	283	+ 1	...	2.7	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7850	+50	...	1.3	...
187	121	Westpac	187	+ 3	...	4.1	...
280	188	Wintrust	280 †	...	9.3	4.2	25.0

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	628	+ 8	...	4.2	17.0
647	441	Bass	511	-11	18.9	4.6	11.1
299	189	Boddington	280	- 2	7.3	3.3	16.3
442	362	Bulmer (HP)	441	...	...	2.9	19.2
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	154	+ 1	4.7	3.9	12.9
389	261	Devenish (JA)	389	+ 2	7.8	2.5	21.9
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	128	...	...	3.2	33.9
66¼	50	Fosters Brewing	56	+ 2	...	4.8	7.8
410	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	410	...	7.4	2.3	17.6
480	383	Grand Met	486	- 6	12.3	3.4	15.0
427	347	Greenalls Grp	372	+ 4	11.7	4.0	12.3
572	505	Greene King	569	...	...	2.7	16.1
520	437	Guinness	514	- 4	...	2.9	18.3
281	230	Hardy Hansn	265	...	7.9	3.7	14.7
125	105	Heavitree▲	115	...	3.0	3.3	27.4
353	255	Highland Distl	344	...	6.0	2.2	22.9
3138	2538	Holt J	2938	...	41.0	1.7	19.1
80	33	Hoskins Brew	73	...	...	...	52.6
323	250	Invrgordn Dis	295	- 3	...	3.0	16.8
186	154	Macallan-Glen	159	...	0.9	0.7	35.7
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	375	...	...	2.9	17.9
214	164	Mansfield	200	...	...	2.4	14.3
299	231	Minson Thmp	284	...	...	2.4	17.2
458	328½	Matthew Clark	458 †	+10	...	4.6	13.4
300	253	Mrydwn W	290 †	+ 3	7.0	3.0	∞
545	455	Morland	530	...	8.4	2.0	21.1
12	6¼	Paramount▲	9¼	...	...	2.1	17.3
180	145	Regent Inns	180	...	...	3.1	18.0
975	753	SA Breweries	913	+ 3	...	3.0	15.1
482¼	408	Scot & New	482	+ 9	...	4.4	15.0
225	181	Taunton Cider	215	- 4	6.0	3.5	17.6
248	213	Vaux Group	245	...	9.3	4.8	16.9
302	225	Wetherspoon JD	297	...	...	2.0	24.0
536	435	Whitbread 'A'	535	...	...	4.1	14.4
1180	850	-do- 'B'	1158	...	...	1.9	29.1
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	503	...	11.4	2.8	14.1
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	73	Abbey	120	...	...	8.5	∞
27	13	Albrighton▲	21	...	...	...	...
123	87	Allen▲	116	- 1	...	5.4	26.3
107	65	Amec	95	- 1	3.0	3.9	17.6
12	4	Anglia Sec	9	...	...	...	...
274	155	Ashtead▲	273 †	...	4.5	2.1	∞
112	101	Attwoods	118	+ 1	5.0	5.3	17.1
255	180	BPB Ind	247	- 4	...	3.8	42.5
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	86	...	3.1	4.5	28.9
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	+ ½	0.5	...	...
106	74	Barcom	106	...	1.2	1.5	19.2
56½	32½	Barlon	49½	...	2.0	5.1	24.4
161	94	Barratt Devs	161	...	2.0	1.6	17.9
431	305	Bellway	431	+ 2	...	3.5	25.0
41	15	Bellwinch	41	+ 1	...	...	...
446	295½	Berkeley Gp	436	+ 1	...	1.7	27.3
116	45	Bett Bros	108	- 6	...	0.6	4.4
63	36	Blockleys	58	...	1.0	2.2	64.1
285	189	Blue Circle	267	- 1	...	5.3	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	276	...	5.9	2.7	15.4
106	78	Breedon PLC	94	...	4.6	6.1	22.7
121	82	Br Dredging	118	...	5.2	5.5	26.2
83	45	Brit Fittings	68	...	1.5	2.8	...
151	99	Bryant	142	...	4.8	4.2	30.4
88	53	CALA	88	...	2.3	...	...
293	205	CRH	293	+ 2	...	2.4	20.3
43	18	Cakebread Rby	25	...	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	37½	...	...	...	...
140	86½	Countryside	137	- 3	...	3.7	36.2
73	38	Crest Nicholson	71	+ 1	0.0	...	...
96	27	Cussins	96 †	...	...	1.3	...
3½	1½	Dunton▲	3	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
275	178	Epwin	275	+ 2	6.8	3.1	23.1
53	32	Erith	52	...	0.3	0.8	...
453	252	Eve Group▲	453	...	...	2.8	16.4
6¼	3½	Explaura▲	5	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp▲	130	...	...	4.8	20.7
50	38	Galliford	48	- 1	4.3	...	19.3
73	52	Gibbs & Dandy	56	+ 1	...	2.2	...
918	695	Gleeson (MJ)	913	...	12.7	1.7	14.8
135	90	Hewden-Stuart	134	...	...	3.0	30.5
51	28	Hewetson	45 †	...	...	3.5	33.2
311	186	Heywd Wlm	302	- 1	12.5	5.2	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	117	...	2.5	2.7	...
35	26	How Gp	32	...	...	5.9	...
31	15	Howard Hldgs	21 †	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	76	...	1.0	1.6	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
314	196	Laing (J)	310	...	9.0	3.6	12.4
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	127½	+ ½	...	6.3	...
95	55	Ln Clydeside▲	90	...	4.5	6.3	33.9
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	17½	...	...	...	7.9
325	240	Manders	324	...	9.0	3.5	19.8
168	93	Marley	157	- 2	4.2	3.4	45.4
102	61	Marshalls	102	...	...	4.9	70.2
175	122	Maunders (J)	168	+ 1	4.9	3.7	15.4
215	96	McAlpine (A)	213	- 2	6.5	3.9	36.4
40	23	McCarthy & S	38	+ 2½	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	373	+ 1	...	3.4	37.4
129	62	Mowlem (J)	124	...	4.0	4.0	...
135	51	NSM	134	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler▲	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
171	106	Newman Tnks	162	- 2	...	6.1	21.6
300	197	Persimmon	279	...	8.6	3.9	28.5
31	12	Phoenix Timber	18	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	133	- 3	3.4	3.2	...
6¼	2½	Quiligotti▲	2½	...	...	...	...
823	535	RMC Gp	783	- 5	...	3.2	30.8
92	75½	Raine Ind	92	- 3	6.0	8.2	15.4
36	20	Ramus▲	29	...	...	...	...
573	402	Redland	543	- 6	25.0	5.8	51.6
92	64	Roskel	79	+ 1	4.3	6.8	11.6
296	207	Rugby Group	274	- 2	6.4	2.9	21.0
42	23	Svrild-Ree▲	24	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	111	...	...	4.5	19.3
218	86½	Sheffield Insl	218	...	...	3.1	53.5
147	82	Sherif Hldgs▲	147	...	...	1.7	21.9
95	66	Shorco▲	83	...	...	7.8	18.9
240	196	Smart (J)	239	...	8.5	4.4	10.9
6½	2½	Starmin	4½	...	0.3	8.8	∞
156	103	Tarmac	155	- 1	5.5	4.4	...
194	137	Tay Homes	176	+ 2	5.8	4.2	11.2
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	132	- 3	1.0	0.9	...
628	433	Tilbury Dougls	624	+ 1	33.0	6.6	20.3
39	19	Torex Hire▲	35	...	...	1.4	...
247	168	Travis Perkins	239	- 4	8.0	4.2	42.1
40	30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.3
28	2½	Tudor▲	25	...	...	1.2	...
81	41	Vibroplant	79½	+ 5½	2.5	4.0	28.1
65	20	Ward Hldgs	48	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	440	...	...	3.4	19.0
26	8	Wescol▲	25	...	...	...	...
163	90	Westbury	163	...	5.0	3.8	25.4
12	4½	West Scaffold▲	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	441	+ 2	8.7	2.5	30.3
205	147	Wilson (C)	192	...	3.9	2.6	33.3
194	104	Wimpey G	194	...	...	3.6	...
47	25	YRM	30	...	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	645	...	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	228	...	12.0	6.6	4.2
92	56	Air London▲	73	...	...	6.0	9.0
56	37	African Lakes	49	...	2.0	5.1	...
178	125	Auto Sec	156	- 2	...	4.2	28.0
138	94	BET Ord	129	+ 4½	...	3.1	5.2
100	41	BNB Res	99	...	4.9	6.2	...
318	250	BPP	311	...	9.0	3.2	17.2
285	195	Barbour Index	220	...	8.0	4.5	∞
24	15	Boustead	24	...	0.7	3.6	...
266	194	Brit Data Mgt	246	- 2	...	3.0	20.5
26	11	Broadcastle▲	25	...	...	1.3	19.7
73	54	Brooks Service	65	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	100	...	2.6	3.6	∞
193	139½	Capita Group	193 †	+ 2	...	1.4	30.1
45	31	Cassel Plc	43½	...	...	2.3	16.2
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	18½	...	...	...	...
51	36	Chrisue	40	...	...	...	...
360	228	Chubb Sec	359	+ 3	...	1.7	22.3
100	18	Comace▲	94	- 5	...	2.0	23.5
30	6½	Corp Services	26	...	...	...	...
55	20	Coutts Cnslg	48	...	...	...	...
110	50	Dart	110	...	3.3	3.8	14.9
256	196	Davis Service	250	- 2	...	4.0	18.8
104	95	EW Facia	94	...	4.3	5.7	10.9
32	11	Gardiner	27	...	0.6	...	22.0
257	215	Hays	247	...	4.6	2.3	24.3
245	174	Hogg Robinsn	244	- 2	...	3.4	17.8
70	35	Holmes Protectn	39	...	...	...	2.1
307	127	Hutch Whamp	195	- 3	...	2.4	16.0
2062½	975	ISS B DKr	1925	...	...	5.5	2.5
637	519	Inchcape	572	- 5	...	3.0	19.8
963	669	Johnson Clean	829 †	...	25.7	3.9	18.1
12	2½	Lep	10	...	...	...	...
281	173	Mitie Gp	281 †	...	3.5	1.6	21.9
1102	893	Manpower	1101	...	...	...	...
58	40½	Michael Page	58	+ ½	1.8	3.9	24.6
279	161	Peptide	167	...	...	2.5	6.3
4½	2	Prime People▲	2½	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	122	- 4	...	12.3	6.8
423	337	RCO	392	...	12.8	5.0	11.9
118	100	REA	100	...	4.0	5.0	...
105	43	Reed Executive	104	...	...	...	...
156	110	Reliance Sec▲	115 †	...	...	4.0	∞
238	178	Rentokil	218½	+ 8½	2.3	1.3	27.1
283	232	Rolfe & Nolan	232	...	...	4.0	12.6
390	354	Salvesen (C)	385	- 2	...	2.5	21.1
37	2½	Scott Pickford▲	36	...	...	2.9	11.5
343	164	Securiguard	330	...	...	4.2	18.0
6¼	5	Select Appt▲	6	...	...	...	...
1078	695	Serco Gp	1078	+ 3	14.0	1.6	29.8
352	124	Sherwd Cmps	155	...	...	5.7	4.5
130	93	Sketchley	99	...	...	3.8	22.6
365	310	Warner Howrd	342	+ 7	6.5	2.4	17.9
45	27	Welpac	37	...	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	24½	...	...	0.5	33.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	243	- 4	...	2.2	21.1
961	612	Amersham	854	- 7	...	2.0	29.5
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£107¼	8325	BASF DM	£100¼	-217½	...	3.2	...
297	199	BTP	289	- 1	...	4.0	19.9
£120	£101½	Bayer DM50	£116¼	-200	...	4.5	...
179	134	Blagden	165 †	...	9.5	...	17.8
165	93	Brent Chems	123	...	...	7.5	11.3
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	359	...	...	...	...
20	12	Card Gp	13	...	...	12.8	36.1
153	126	Canning (W)	145	+ 4	7.2	6.3	16.6
608	504	Courtaulds	559	- 5	...	3.1	14.8
305	234	Croda	305	- 2	...	3.2	19.9
149	121	Doefles	138	...	4.6	4.2	10.6
225	175	Ellis & Everard	222	+ 1	7.0	4.0	∞
34¼	15½	Euro Colour	34½	...	0.3	2.9	21.1
333	299	Halstead (J)	323	- 9	...	2.3	16.2
241	167	Hickson	180	- 9	...	5.6	16.4
£114½	8950	Hoechst	£111	-212½	...	3.2	...
225	195	Holliday Chem	219	- 1	...	2.1	20.0
710	609	ICI	695 †	...	...	4.9	...
688	578	Laporte	637	- 1	19.5	3.8	17.6
223	181	Leigh	217 †	- 1	...	4.5	20.9
97½	35	MTM	64	- 1	...	...	...
1900	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1850	...	...	1.6	26.3
462	330	Paterson Zoch	462	...	11.4	3.1	19.9
416	360	-do- 'A'	416	...	11.4	3.4	18.0
296	221	Plysu	225	+ 3	...	3.9	14.7
348	173	Porvair	348	...	3.6	1.8	26.5
70	38	Surelife Speak	61	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	485	...	16.0	4.1	19.5
490	395	Wolstnhlme R	490	+ 5	17.0	4.3	16.8
401	330	Yorks Chem	380 †	...	...	2.5	20.4
306	238	Yule Catto	267	+ 2	5.9	2.8	16.3
714	593	Zeneca	709	- 3	...	4.9	41.3

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	87 †	...	...	5.6	...
87	42	Amber Day	76	...	3.1	5.1	20.8
342	257	Argos Plc	340	...	...	2.6	28.8
25	12	Ashley Group	15½	...	...	4.5	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	103	- 1	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	297	...	5.1	2.1	20.6
134	94	Austin Reed	133	...	...	2.3	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	154	- 1	...	4.9	15.5
121	94	Bentalls	108	...	1.9	2.3	...
278	208	Betterware	238	+ 1	...	1.1	28.5
39	22	Blacks Leis	38 †	...	2.2	7.4	...
227	133	Body Shop	197	...	...	1.1	25.4
16¼	11½	Brown & Jacksn	15½	- ½	...	0.6	7.8
401	318	Brown (N)	393	...	...	2.2	23.1
87½	64½	Burton	77½	+ ½	...	3.2	...
145	126	Cantors	145	...	...	2.3	19.3
360	295	Church	343	+ 3	12.5	4.6	30.3
183	97	Clinton Cards	153	...	4.2	3.5	18.5
250½	212	Coats Viyella	249	+ 1	...	3.6	29.3
112	78	Colourvision▲	102 †	...	5.6	6.9	18.3
700	374	Courts Furnish	699	...	5.5	1.0	8.7
155	115	Crown Eyes▲	135 †	...	...	6.5	∞
129	89	Dairy Farm Intl	127	+ 5	...	2.8	19.0
83	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	83	...	1.0	1.5	26.6
281	189	Dixons Grp	233	- 2	...	3.3	...
413	320	Dunhill	397	...	8.1	2.6	15.4
21	12½	ERA Gp	15	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.9	17.8
161	71	Essex Furn	156	...	...	2.2	28.4
271	203	Etam	271	...	6.9	3.2	24.8
608	499	Fine Art Dev	590	- 1	12.7	2.7	19.3
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	39	...	...	...	...
548	498	Forminster	548	+ 5	14.0	3.2	9.9
157	24	French Conn▲	157	+ 2	...	...	...
73	43	Gent SR	73	...	2.0	3.4	21.4
68	23	Goldsmiths Gp	67	...	0.3	0.6	...
3725	2400	GUS	3688	...	...	1.5	28.9
2113	1563	-do- 'A'	2050	+ 7	...	2.7	15.9
40	31	Hampden Grp▲	32	...	...	3.9	15.9
277	30	Hartstone	66	+ 2	...	5.3	...
29½	20	Helene Plc	29½	...	2.0	9.9	12.1
72	29	Heritage▲	71	...	...	...	...
71	35	Honeysuckle▲	71	...	...	1.8	10.1
123	63	Jacques Vert	121 †	...	...	3.1	9.3
691	496	Kingfisher	665	- 4	...	2.6	21.8
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70 †	+ 1	4.0	7.1	14.4
685	495	Liberty	580	...	7.2	1.6	68.3
320	241	Lloyds Chem	276	+ 1	5.5	2.5	10.8
152	120	MFI	144	+ 2	...	3.3	29.7
376½	311	Marks Spencer	373	+ 8	...	2.7	20.5
555	445	Menzies (John)	555	...	...	2.5	15.5
227	135	Moss Bros	228	...	5.5	3.0	26.5
210½	130½	Next	203	+ 1	2.5	1.5	24.2
40	15	Oliver (G)	38	+ 2	...	...	...
303	197	Oriflame Intl	285 †	...	...	4.2	14.0
63	38½	Pentos	45	+ 3	1.5	4.2	9.4
313	185	QS Hldgs	205	...	5.1	3.2	14.6
41½	11	Ratners Group	38½	- ½	...	...	...
35½	20½	Rhino Grp▲	35½	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	154	...	...	2.1	13.9
117	93	Sears	111	- 1	...	3.9	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	468	- 3	...	3.9	15.2
15	4½	Specialeyes▲	14	...	...	...	...
229	176	Storehouse	223	- 1	...	2.8	28.8
191	148	T & S Stores	165	+ 3	5.9	4.5	12.3
154	71	Tie Rack	154	...	1.0	0.8	25.2
231	160	Time Products	228	...	7.5	4.1	19.7
114	63	Usher (Frank)▲	113	...	...	5.5	8.9
45	27	Vivat	34	...	1.0	3.7	10.5
40	34	Wensum▲	34	...	...	6.7	...
122	78	Wickes	109	- 3	...	0.2	48.3
78	45	Wld of Leather▲	69	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale▲	171	- 2	...	2.9	22.6
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	175	- 1	...	3.6	17.6
240	223	Acal▲	240	+ 4	...	3.3	16.7
162½	38	Acorn Compu▲	98	- 5	...	...	49.7
480	385	Admiral	457	+ 2	5.4	1.5	19.3
156	104	Alba	156	...	...	4.0	19.1
48	19½	Alphameric	42	...	...	...	...
38½	23	Amstrad	33½	- ½	...	0.4	...
128	61	App Holo▲	61	...	...	...	...
47	13	Arlen	45	+ 4	...	...	...
78	35½	Aztec	78	+ 3	...	...	1.2
293	243	Beales Hunter	243 †	...	9.4	4.8	∞
9	3½	Bennett & Fountn	4½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	408	+ 6	19.2	6.0	...
575	435	Blick	475	...	9.2	2.4	18.5
1700	1100	Borland▲	1288	-12	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	369	...	6.3	2.2	24.3
445½	376	BT	423¼	- 1½	...	4.6	20.0
188½	150	BT P/P	182½	- ½	...	4.4	20.9
11½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11½	...	0.1	1.1	...
160	110	Burnfield	159	+ 1	5.7	4.5	25.1
860	669	Cable Wireless	839	- 3	...	2.2	27.0
23½	11½	Chloride	23	...	...	...	...
273	229	CML Micro▲	273	...	...	2.2	19.8
115	74	Comptr People	97	...	0.6	0.8	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	149	...	...	1.3	15.3
423	243	Crichley	423	+ 2	...	1.8	∞
551	414	Delta	551	+ 9	...	3.2	22.7
360	205	Denmans Ele	359	...	...	2.1	15.3
467	395	Domino	467	+ 6	7.2	1.9	15.9
65	48	Dowding Mills	63	+ 1	2.5	5.0	20.7
1095	865	Druck▲	1095 †	+10	10.0	1.1	∞
484	358	Electrocomps	463	+ 2	...	2.1	18.9
560	470	El Dsa Prc	553	+ 8	5.1	1.2	15.2
116	43	Electron House	116	...	2.6	2.8	25.1
30½	10½	Emess	25½	...	0.1	0.5	...
600	442	Eurotherm	596	+ 1	8.0	1.7	27.1
155	108	FKI	152	...	...	2.5	22.3
454½	340	Farnell Elect	448	...	...	1.7	23.7
90	33	Feedback▲	89	...	...	2.1	11.6
18	9½	Ferranti	12½	- ½	...	...	...
258	101	First Tech	258	...	1.0	0.5	∞
270	81	Forward Gp▲	265	...	...	1.6	24.0
21	16	Forward Tech	18	...	...	...	...
358½	264	GEC	354	+ 1	10.3	3.6	17.8
196	132	Graseby	185	+ 2	...	7.5	38.2
14½	7½	Graystone	13½	...	...	...	...
39	36	Hichure▲	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	83	INSTEM▲	150	...	...	2.6	10.8
388	320	Jones Stroud	373 †	+ 5	8.8	2.9	∞
19	8	Kembrey	15½	...	0.1	1.3	...
334	260	Kenwood App	334	+ 2	...	2.9	18.7
216	47	Kewill Sys▲	205	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	189	...	5.5	3.7	22.2
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	35	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS▲	244 †	+ 1	...	0.4	34.4
300	240	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	...
179	134	Life Sciences	155	+11	3.5	2.9	16.6
269	164	Logica	263	+ 4	3.6	1.7	31.0
55	44	LPA Inds▲	53	...	...	8.1	15.2
212	162	MR Data Mngmt	209	+11	4.3	2.6	19.9
683	523	Macro 4	648	...	...	2.5	21.7
635	527	Memvier-Sw▲	630 †	+ 3	...	...	...
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1990	- 3	...	...	18.3
227	147	Microgen	168	...	7.2	5.4	11.4
34½	23½	Microvitec▲	28	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	512	+ 1	7.0	1.7	∞
437	98	Mitel	421	-13	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Compu▲	128	...	...	3.4	16.3
36	16	Molynx	33½	...	1.3	4.9	...
272	202	MTL Instr▲	243	+ 3	...	1.9	18.3
165	105	Multitone Elec	117	+ 1	3.5	3.7	∞
216	116	Murray Enter	216	...	1.8	1.1	...
6412½	5225	NYNEX	5962½	+12½	...	...	...
188	135	Neutronics	135	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
195	58	Norbain▲	190	...	...	1.0	14.5
75	20	Northamber	60	...	0.6	1.3	...
19½	9	Oceonics	14	...	...	...	...
285	196	Oxford Instr	282 †	- 1	4.5	2.0	19.4
83	48	P-E Intern'l	60	...	1.6	2.0	...
81½	63	P & P	70 †	...	1.4	2.5	37.2
95	55	Peek	77	+ 1	3.4	5.5	20.1
222	115	Pegasus▲	201	+14	...	4.0	51.1
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
1312½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1275	-12½	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink▲	250	...	...	...	...
562	343	Pifco	561 †	...	8.2	1.8	∞
542	303	-do- 'A' Voting	541 †	...	8.2	1.9	∞
96	63	Plasmec▲	78	...	...	6.0	6.6
113	76	Pressac	113	...	2.4	2.7	22.8
135	81	Psion▲	115	+ 2	...	2.7	30.5
258	160	Racal Elect	256	- 1	4.2	2.1	15.2
70	45	Radamec	63	...	...	3.0	13.5
70	31	Radius▲	36	- 1	2.7	...	12.4
92	61	Real Time▲	76 †	+ 1	...	4.9	∞
35	18	Riva▲	26	...	...	...	37.0
629	380	Sage Gp	410	...	9.0	2.8	13.1
342	222	Sanderson Elec	325	...	9.0	3.5	13.9
88	49	Scantronic	83	...	3.1	4.7	20.9
158	117	Scholes Grp	158	+ 2	5.0	4.0	31.0
371	270	Sema Gp	364	...	2.5	1.0	29.5
42	26	Silvermines	40	+ 1	...	3.1	...
50	37	Soundtracks▲	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2512½	-12½	...	1.3	28.0
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	14	...	...	...	...
189	80	Telemetrix	180	+18	0.8	0.6	29.7
999	809	THORN EMI	998	+ 4	...	4.0	20.4
111	96	Thorpe FW	106	...	2.5	2.9	10.9
103	63	Total Systems▲	64	...	3.0	5.9	11.3
508	372	Tunstall	507	...	6.0	1.5	20.3
281	164	Unitech	280 †	...	...	2.7	66.3
11½	6	Verity	6½	...	...	...	...
35	24	Videco▲	29½	...	...	1.6	16.9
583	367	Vodafone	577½	+ 7½	...	1.5	26.2
463	368	Volex	463 †	...	17.8	4.5	19.0
26	11	Western Selectn	24	...	...	...	...
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	290	...	11.7	5.2	∞

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
534	389	East Midlands	512	- ½	...	4.8	9.6
538	399	Eastern Elect	528	- 1	...	4.5	10.5
378	314	Hydro-Elect	376 †	+ 4½	...	3.8	11.6
542	406	London Elect	535	+ 4	...	4.6	11.9
587½	458	Manweb	575	+ 1	...	4.5	8.4
564	424½	Midlands Elec	558	- 3	...	4.5	10.0
375	273	National Power	366	+ ½	...	3.6	10.9
585	440	Northern Elec	577	+ 4	...	4.6	8.3
166	100	Nthn Ireland	165	+ 3	...	4.4	9.6
592	439	Norweb	568	- 2	20.0	4.4	8.8
401	273	PowerGen	393	+ ½	...	3.3	10.4
361	285	Scottish Power	361 †	+ 5½	...	3.9	13.4
596	436	Seeboard	592	+ 8	...	4.2	9.5
616	469	Sth Wales	595	...	...	4.7	9.9
555	426	Sth Western	550	+ 3	...	4.5	13.2
549	406	Southern Elec	539	+ 3	...	4.5	9.9
569	455	Yorkshire Elec	564	+ 3	...	4.5	10.6

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60¼	50	Aitken Hume	55 †	- 1	1.0	2.3	11.7
125	47	BWD▲	124	...	...	3.2	19.4
91	26	Baillie Plc	91	...	...	1.4	...
540	413	Caledonia	538	...	...	3.5	20.0
1500	1075	Camellia	1425	...	...	1.1	5.3
313	243	Candover	310	...	10.2	4.1	22.0
141	71	Flextech▲	141	+ 3	...	0.4	...
327	156	Govett	312 †	- 2	...	4.8	9.7
188	125	Ivory Sime	188	...	...	4.3	17.7
6¼	3	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
234	154	Lon Forfaitng▲	234	...	8.4	4.6	16.6
67	47	Manakin	63 †	...	5.0	9.9	∞
12½	5½	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
329	246	Rathbone Brs	329	...	6.0	2.3	20.0
26	17	Rutland Tst	24½	...	...	4.1	14.5
330	253	S & U	285	...	10.0	4.4	10.6
81	48	Singer & Fried	81	+ 2	2.6	4.0	...
975	713	Sotheby's	863	+25	...	4.0	...
155	93	SIP Capital	151	- 1	3.0	2.5	62.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556¼	1487½	Amer Express	2556¼ †	+356¼	...	...	...
1100	855	Henderson Ad	1090	...	...	4.8	25.1
193	92	Investco	191	+ 1	...	2.0	...
230	164	Jardine Strat	221	- 4	...	3.5	10.2
236	154	MAI	227	...	6.0	3.3	16.5
665	389	MAM	657	...	15.0	2.9	16.4
953	633	M & G	951	+ 1	...	2.8	25.3
342	109	Smith New Ct	327	- 3	...	2.3	4.9
81	55	Trio Hldgs	79	...	...	4.7	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
536¼	456	AB Food	517½	- 8½	14.0	3.4	11.9
77½	53	ASDA Group	65¼ #	- 1	...	3.1	15.1
305	170	Acatos & Hutch	285	...	6.5	2.9	16.5
76	55	Albert Fisher	71	- 1	3.7	6.6	11.8
407	287	Argyll	341	- 4	...	4.0	12.6
154	117	Assoc Fisheries	154 †	+ 1	...	6.5	3.2
226	160	Banks (S C)	227	...	9.0	5.0	10.0
402	310	Barr (AG)	335	+ 1	6.5	2.4	16.9
85	57	Bensons Crsp▲	68 †	...	...	5.2	15.3
141	112½	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	435	- 1	...	6.3	44.8
52	35	Borthwick	47½	...	...	3.2	58.0
505	430	Brake Bros	502	...	6.2	1.5	20.9
51	38	Budgen	47	...	1.0	2.7	∞
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	476	- 5	...	3.5	17.7
120	78	Carrs Milling	119	- 1	3.9	4.1	23.8
196	156	Cranswick	184	- 1	...	5.4	13.8
22	8½	Cullens	16½	- 1	0.5	3.8	47.4
384	190	Dalepak	210 †	...	6.0	3.6	16.5
521	424	Dalgety	515	- 3	19.5	4.7	15.0
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
217	191	Devro	213	...	...	3.3	20.3
134	99	Everest	117	...	...	3.7	16.2
358	269	Farepak	358	...	5.7	2.0	22.0
10	3	Farringford	8½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	70	...	...	7.4	23.2
125	78	Fyffes	110	...	...	1.3	19.9
483	328	Geest	377	- 2	8.1	2.7	17.0
13	7	Global▲	13	...	...	4.8	20.2
45	43	Grand Central	44	...	1.2	3.6	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	188 †	...	...	4.3	10.9
175	131	Hillsdown	168	- 1	...	6.5	13.2
250	205½	Iceland Group	233	- 1	...	1.8	20.8
131	103	JLI Group	119	+ 1	...	4.9	13.2
863	655	Kwik Save	752	+ 1	16.0	2.7	14.4
262	174	Low (Wm)	196	- 2	8.4	5.6	9.0
65	41	Matthews (B)	65	+ 2	2.2	4.3	42.6
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	18 †	...	1.1	7.6	36.9
174	124	Morrison (W)	148	- ½	...	0.7	19.2
568	443	Nichols (JN)	543 †	...	13.6	3.1	15.7
290	242	Nitm Foods	289	+ 4	...	3.6	14.4
20½	9½	Nrthmbrn Fn▲	12	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	210	...	...	3.6	12.0
250	205	Park Foods	242	...	6.0	3.1	∞
115	78	Perkins Food	92	+ 4	...	6.0	10.0
97	47	PizzaExpress	94	+ 1	...	0.7	54.0
9	1½	Regina Hldn▲	5½	...	...	...	...
584	426	Sainsbury J	507	+ 3	...	2.5	17.8
86	33	Sentry Farm▲	80	...	...	2.3	14.4
225	94	Sims Food	110	+ 1	...	8.5	21.2
439	357	Tate & Lyle	394	+ 1	12.0	3.8	12.4
273	195	Tesco	230	+ 4	...	3.9	10.7
211	123	Thorntons	159	...	3.6	2.9	14.8
183	101	Treat▲	150 †	...	...	3.0	17.1
400	300	Unigate	390	+ 1	...	5.2	13.8
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	382	+ 1	...	5.0	18.2
26	20	Usborne	26	...	...	2.8	∞
337	248	Watson & Phil	288	...	13.3	5.8	15.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22	12	Abrdn Stk H▲	22	...	...	...	...
89½	77	City Centre Rest	88	...	1.5	2.2	21.1
239	170	Forte	232	+ 1	...	4.0	18.2
220	155	Friendly Hotels	190	- 3	5.7	3.8	36.2
11½	5	Harmony Leis▲	10½	...	...	...	...
121½	87	Jurys Hotel	121½	+ 7	...	5.8	∞
225½	154	Ladbroke	202	- 3	11.1	6.9	17.3
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	72	+ 2	...	4.6	18.1
59	44	Queens Moat	47¼ #	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¼% cnpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18	...	...	5.6	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	840	...	7.0	1.0	...
65	34½	Stakis	65	...	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	78	AAF Inds	128	...	...	8.6	7.8
616	455	AAH	536	+ 1	...	4.0	17.2
177	140	AIM	175	...	7.5	5.4	∞
132	88	APV	106	...	...	6.4	...
238	81	ASW	230	- 2	...	3.3	...
198	124	Adwest	198	...	7.0	4.4	28.2
29	10	Aerospace Eng	24	...	0.7	4.0	∞
259	249	Airsprung	259	...	...	2.2	16.5
155	113	Alexdra W	155	...	3.8	3.1	42.8
13½	6½	Allied Radio	8½	...	...	...	...
565	415	Alumasc	565	...	11.0	2.4	17.3
48	17	Alvis	47	+ 2	1.0	2.7	9.7
475	348	Amber Ind	475	...	...	4.9	10.9
45	18	Amberley Gp▲	45 †	...	...	2.8	...
107	78	Anagen	90	...	...	...	...
145	82	Andrews Sykes	110	...	...	5.0	...
835	703	Antofagasta	880	+10	...	2.3	16.3
50½	37	Armour	47	...	1.4	3.9	14.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	155	...	6.4	5.2	15.9
7	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½ #	...	0.0	1.7	∞
541½	434	Avon Rubber	532	+ 1	...	3.9	21.2
250	168	Assoc Nuttg▲	249	...	...	0.5	15.3
705	544½	Atlas Equip	680	+10	...	4.0	17.1
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	60	...	...	...	...
182	147	BBA	176	+ 1	...	5.4	14.8
65	28	BLP Group▲	53	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	16½	...	5.0	...	0.7
770	627	BOC	648	- 1	23.2	4.5	14.2
79½	62	BSG	77	- ½	...	5.2	26.8
487	353	BSS Group	455	...	...	4.7	27.2
409½	318	BTR	395½	- 1	...	3.4	22.6
221	155	BWI	186	...	6.7	4.5	17.9
50	31	Babcock	45	- ½	...	5.8	26.9
8½	4½	Bailey (CH)	8½	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	277	- 3	8.9	4.0	19.2
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	612½	...	...	5.6	3.4
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	62	...	...	2.9	25.4
15	5	Beauford	9	...	...	...	...
10	6	Beckenham▲	10	+ ½	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	27	...	...	...	...
27½	19½	Benson Group	16½	...	0.3	2.3	∞
707	461	Bespak	595	+ 6	10.0	2.1	∞
133	73	Bibby (J)	92	...	9.7	...	5.4
312	129	Billam (J)	254	...	5.0	2.5	12.8
41	21½	Bilston Batsea▲	34	+ 2	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	5½	+ 1½	...	...	...
169	118½	Birkby	169	+ 1	3.5	2.6	16.0
45	32	Black Arrow	42 †	...	2.6	7.7	∞
1½	½	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
200	136	Black (Peter)	199	- 1	2.9	1.8	20.5
348	129	Bluebird Toys▲	348	+ 4	...	1.6	21.7
322	247	Bodycote	309	- 1	...	2.0	19.8
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28 †	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
563	416	Boots	488	+ 2	...	3.4	18.1
61	42	Booth Inds	51	...	0.7	1.7	...
517	439	Bowater	510	+ 2	11.5	2.8	20.2
1682	1287	Bowater Inc	1390 †	+ 6	...	...	...
261	199	Boxmore Intl▲	261	...	...	1.9	19.5
19	12½	Brasway	15 †	...	0.5	4.3	∞
303	204	Brammer	303	...	13.0	5.4	22.6
26	12	Bridgend Gp	25	+ 1	0.4	1.9	...
123	64	Bridon	122	+ 1	...	4.1	...
99	55	Bridport Grndy	85	+ 2	4.1	6.3	15.4
45	31	Brierley Inv	45	+ 1	...	7.1	11.1
308	248	Br Bldg & Eng	249	- 2	...	1.3	...
59	42	Br Blockbrds▲	50	...	...	...	...
538	417	Br Polythene	516	+ 2	...	2.4	19.5
118	54	Br Steel	113	- 1	...	1.1	...
150	100	Br Syphon	105	...	...	5.6	29.4
16	11	Br Thornton	15 †	...	...	1.7	∞
264	215	Br Vita	260	+ 2	7.1	3.4	16.0
15	6	Britton Grp	15	...	...	...	...
770	555	Brown Hall	712	+15	...	2.6	33.8
109	79	Bromsgrove Ind	106	...	...	5.2	13.9
10	6	Brooke Tool	7½	...	...	...	...
70	44	Brown & Tawse	65	+ 2	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	128	- 1	6.0	5.9	21.9
23	11	Business Techn▲	13	+ ½	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	23	...	1.0	5.4	22.1
25	1	Campbell & Arm	2½	...	...	...	...
34	6½	Cannon St	7	+ ½	...	...	...
250	225	Cape	250	...	...	5.3	16.9
248	179	Cardo Eng	246	...	8.6	4.4	17.5
2888	2125	Carnaud MB	2250	-25	...	2.4	∞
78	68	Carclo Bros▲	69	...	...	4.4	11.1
306	158	Castings	204	...	4.3	2.7	14.4
160	113	Chamberlin Hill	150	...	6.2	4.9	10.0
712	505	Charter	700	+ 7	...	3.9	16.8
55	20	Chemring	52	...	...	3.2	19.4
92	45	Chieftain Gp▲	52 †	...	5.1	...	11.1
35	17	Chillington	34	...	0.2	0.9	...
204	144	Christies Int	190	+ 4	...	1.0	...
63	34	Clayhithe	62	...	...	5.0	...
95	70	Clayton Son	94	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Deutschmete▲	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	295	Cohen A	309	...	6.8	2.8	∞
223	179	Cummercy H	195	...	6.5	4.2	12.1
246	186	Concentric	228	...	...	3.1	19.2
237	120	Cook (Wm)	223 †	...	5.0	2.8	13.5
232	182	Cookson	229	...	...	3.3	30.3
76	39	Copyrite▲	71	- 2	...	1.8	20.9
236	130	Crnell Fbr 'A'	178	- 1	5.7	4.0	15.2
178	92	Corall	108	...	10.7	...	16.4
224	150	Creighton Nts	195	...	...	4.9	18.0
48	27	CrestaCare	44	...	0.5	1.4	38.1
3737½	2993½	Dana	3662 †	- 31½	...	...	...
236	78½	Danka Bs Sys	215	+ 5	...	0.7	30.4
243	193	David Brown	240	+ 2	...	3.1	17.0
18	5	Davies (DT)▲	18	...	...	...	...
712	632	De La Rue	704	- 5	...	3.0	18.7
26	16	Dinkie Heel	26	...	0.9	4.6	20.7
539	391	Diploma	536	...	9.7	2.3	27.8
79	50	Dobson Park	79	...	5.7	...	14.2
116	92	Dyson (J&J)	116	+ 2	5.0	5.4	∞
80	57	-do- 'A'	80	+ 1	5.0	7.8	∞
16½	8	EFG	12½	...	...	...	...
440	367	EIS	440	+ 1	...	3.9	17.4
28	19	Elbief	23	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2350	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2137½	+21½	...	2.6	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	62	+ 2	...	...	...
474½	394	Eng China Cl	459	+ 3	...	5.4	25.2
3237½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2962½	+12½	...	1.0	...
53	33	Eurocopy	47	+ 1	1.6	...	18.2
87	47	Expamet	78	...	...	5.2	1.8
717	499	Fairey Group	715	...	10.2	1.8	22.0
95	53	Fenner	83	+ 3	4.2	...	15.7
66	32	Ferraris Group	56	...	...	2.2	13.1
1½	¼	Ferromet▲	1	...	...	...	...
29	21	Ferrum	22	...	2.5	14.2	15.4
60	28	Fife Indmar	56	...	0.5	1.1	...
251	147	Fisons	179	- 3	...	6.1	20.7
53	29	Fitzwilton	48	...	...	9.7	...
288	215	Flogas	280	...	...	3.2	13.0
43	38	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	4.9	21.6
78	56	French (Thomas)	78	+ 2	3.6	5.8	39.1
240	166½	Frost Group	230	...	4.0	2.2	9.7
88	71	GEI Intl	84	...	...	7.4	...
513	434	GKN	498	- 2	...	5.2	32.7
51	42	GR Hldgs	48	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Garton Eng	97	...	4.0	5.2	...
160	103	Gestetner	146	- 1	8.2	7.0	6.4
42	23	Glynes	33	- 2	...	...	23.9
801	509	Glaxo	573	-10	17.0	3.7	15.8
38	16	Glenchewton	33	+ ½	...	...	...
318	245	Glynwed	314	+ 3	11.6	4.7	29.2
123	66	Goode Durrant	123 †	+ 3	...	5.5	...
141	102	Grampian Hd	141	+ 1	5.5	4.9	24.5
456	341	Granada	438	- 2	7.7	2.2	23.3
407	301	Great Stone▲	392	...	...	3.5	16.1
96	78	Green (Ernst)▲	88	...	...	9.9	12.2
15½	8	Greenacre▲	15	- ½	...	2.3	14.8
17	8	Guardian Grp▲	10½	...	...	...	...
61½	30½	Haden MacLn	61½	+ 7½	...	4.1	21.8
78	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	78 †	...	...	0.8	...
235	115	Hall Eng	228	...	8.6	4.7	19.0
228	161	Halma	228 †	+ 2	...	1.1	30.6
49	30	Hampson Ind	39	- 1	1.6	5.1	12.9
265½	222	Hanson	259½	...	...	5.6	13.1
221	187	Harris (Philip)	206	...	...	4.2	12.5
198	147	Harrisn Crsfld	189	- 3	9.0	6.1	26.8
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	48	+ 2	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	22	...	0.7	3.2	14.2
13½	5	Healthcare	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
395	301	Hepworth	382	+ 2	14.8	4.9	16.5
228	160	Hewitt (J)	210	...	3.0	1.8	16.4
38	15	High-Point	38	...	1.3	...	...
161	112½	Hill & Smith	160	...	...	4.4	22.3
10½	6½	Hobson▲	10	...	...	...	48.1
159	87	Holders Tech▲	159 †	...	...	4.7	20.8
52	30	Hopkinsons	52	...	1.3	3.1	21.5
167	133	Hornby▲	156	+10	...	7.2	14.7
88	54½	Howden	88	...	2.2	3.2	∞
260	173	Hunting	249	- 2	...	5.0	21.0
500	269½	Huntleigh Tec▲	500	+ 2	...	2.5	12.8
312	247	IMI	299	- 1	...	4.2	25.5
112	90	ISA Intl	104	...	1.5	1.8	16.2
205	144	Intercare Gp▲	146	...	...	2.2	15.4
255	235	Isotron	245	...	3.9	2.0	15.7
543	360	Jardine Math	524	+28	...	2.4	19.0
537	425	Johnson Matth	492	...	...	2.6	21.6
64	36½	Johnson & FB	43	+ ½	3.0	8.7	13.3
177	104	Johnston	163	- 1	3.2	2.5	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	27	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	32	...	0.7	3.0	...
76	26	Kalamazoo	76	...	2.1	3.5	17.7
178	73	Kalon	166	- 1	...	2.4	22.9
297	253	Kelsey Ind	260	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kershaw (A)	535	...	27.0	6.3	27.8
235	75	Kleeneze	191	+ 4	...	...	...
151	61	LGW▲	148	...	3.0	2.6	12.1
351	266	Laird	347	- 1	...	3.8	17.1
167	110	Lilleshall	167 †	...	...	3.4	20.6
163	97	Lincat▲	163	...	...	3.9	14.1
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	18½	...	...	...	15.2
128	76	Linread	121	...	3.7	3.9	18.7
233	170	Linton Park	233	+ 3	...	7.5	8.4
15½	10½	Lionheart	12½	+ ½	0.2	2.0	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	21	...	1.0	6.0	30.5
274	173	Lon Intl	227	+ 2	9.4	5.2	17.3
135	70	Lonrho	131	...	...	3.8	...
382	269	Low & Bonar	381 †	+ 2	...	3.0	53.4
344	265	MB-Caradon	336	...	...	3.4	25.8
171	135	-do- pf	163½	- 1	7.2	9.5	...
34	14½	ML Hdgs	34	...	...	...	...
43	27	MS Intl	41	...	...	7.6	42.2
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
215	168	Macfarlane	214	...	...	1.9	24.2
460	379	McKechnie	459	...	14.7	4.0	22.8
106	85	McLeod Russel	100	...	6.0	7.5	12.2
10½	3½	Maddox	4½	...	...	...	23.2
99	63	Magnolia	99	...	0.1	0.1	15.9
106	71	Mang Bronze	101	...	1.0	1.2	...
26½	19½	Marling	23½ #	...	...	3.5	...
192	124	Mayborn▲	186	+ 1	...	3.4	15.4
56½	29	Mayflower	56½	+ ½	...	2.8	46.8
236	85	Medeva	116	+ 2	...	2.4	9.3
114	88	Meggitt	114	+ ½	...	4.1	19.4
125	98	Metalrax	123	...	...	3.7	19.9
150	126	Metrotect	150	...	...	2.7	20.8
84	70	Metsec▲	84	+ 1	...	...	...
93	29	Midsmes	75	...	...	1.3	10.4
25	14	Mining & Ald	23½	...	0.5	2.7	...
495	368	Molins	495	+ 5	...	3.5	12.8
345	262	Morgan Cble	337	+ 3	...	4.7	18.0
154	134	Morris Ashby▲	175	+ 1	...	3.9	13.3
31	18	Neepsend	31 †	+ 2	0.7	3.0	41.6
69	34	Nestor-BNA	69	+ 2	3.1	5.7	16.5
191	122	Nobo Gp	186	...	4.8	3.2	18.4
173	122½	Norcros	169	- 3	...	5.2	34.7
51	35	Nsen Group	49 †	...	...	3.3	15.7
413	310	Nu-Swift	333	...	...	...	∞
57	36	Office Elec Mac	57	...	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	35½	- ½	1.7	6.7	...
140	123	PCT▲	128	...	...	7.1	14.5
49	36	Pacer Systems▲	37	...	...	10.3	...
139	101	Pentland	106	- 7	...	3.0	14.3
395	310	Photo-Me	393	...	4.4	1.4	20.0
158	97½	Pilkington	156	- 2	...	1.2	...
79	64	Plastmotek	78	...	3.0	4.8	12.3
154	125	Polypipe	138	- 2	1.9	1.8	19.9
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	34	...	...	4.6	15.6
11½	5½	Perth Gp▲	9	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	356	- 3	...	2.3	18.5
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	0.7	5.4	8.8
54	33½	RPS Group▲	52	+ 2	2.2	5.4	11.3
95	73	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ramco Oil▲	131	...	...	1.0	43.9
601	636	Rank Org	[illegible]	+ 3	31.0	5.0	21.3
33	18	Ransomes	18	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	616	- 2	...	3.3	22.3
77	50	Record	72	...	3.6	6.3	35.4
7½	2½	Reece	5½	...	...	...	...
244	131	Relyon	244 †	+ 3	4.9	2.5	29.3
303	208	Renishaw	280	...	6.5	3.1	19.9
90	55	Renold	90	...	...	1.4	...
1573	1240	Reuters	1524	+ 8	21.2	1.7	25.2
56	24½	Rexmore	56 †	...	1.7	3.0	...
153	91	Ricardo Group	152	...	5.7	4.7	42.7
69	58	Richards (Leics)	68	...	4.4	8.1	...
98	63	Richardson West	88	...	3.0	4.3	22.2
128	109	Ropner	128	+ 2	8.2	8.1	18.1
126	97	-do- 'A'	126	+ 2	8.2	8.2	17.9
38	24	Ross Gp	30	...	0.6	2.7	12.3
182	131½	Rotork	177	...	...	2.7	20.5
160	89	Rubicon	160	...	...	3.3	∞
65	43	Russell (A)	61	+ 1	...	2.0	...
29	15	SEP Indl	26½	...	...	3.5	24.3
2012½	625	SKF 'B'	912½	...	...	...	...
52	39	Saville Grdn (J)	52	...	2.2	5.5	∞
248	205	Scapa	233	- 1	...	3.0	17.8
238	192	Scholl	222	- 2	...	3.5	16.2
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5½	...	...	...	...
1075	917	Securicor	1073	...	2.6	0.3	40.8
765	562	-do- 'A'	743	...	2.6	0.4	28.3
660	465	Security Serv	630	- 2	5.0	1.0	31.2
116½	77	Senior Eng	116½	- 1	...	3.4	19.5
361	280	Seton Health	315	...	...	2.3	18.6
68	42	Sheldon Jones▲	64	...	...	...	...
173	88	Shiloh	125	+ 2	2.9	2.9	13.5
344	281	Sidlaw	326	+ 1	...	3.8	20.8
561	427	Siebe	527	-10	...	2.4	19.5
365	220	Silentnight	365	...	...	2.7	21.5
124	102	Sime Darby	123	+ 7	...	3.6	14.1
142	32	Simon Eng	71	- 2	5.0	8.8	16.2
289	194	Sinclair (Wm)	199	+ 2	7.0	4.4	12.8
47	35	Six Hundred	38	...	...	5.8	...
164	139½	Smith & Neph	148	...	...	4.0	16.2
513	389	Smithkline	449 †	+ 2	8.6	2.4	16.2
450	340	Smithkline Uts	399 †	+ 3	...	3.3	14.4
394	320	Smiths Ind	385	+ 5	11.2	3.7	15.7
140	98	Sthn Bus	70	+ 1	3.3	6.0	6.6
430	365	Spandex▲	428	...	...	1.9	19.0
650	300	Spear (JW)	550	...	4.0	3.2	10.1
374	314	Spirax-Sarco	370	...	...	3.1	23.5
145	44	Spring Ram	70	+ 2½	...	0.6	20.8
270	222	Staveley	260	...	...	4.1	14.7
162	126	Sterling Ind	161	...	...	4.3	24.7
26	11	Stonehill	22	- 1½	...	...	...
187	97	Suter	180	- 3	8.8	6.1	18.8
361	244	Swire Pacif 'A'	328	+11	...	2.7	∞
7	4	Sycamore	4½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	64	...	...	7.8	12.2
275	240	Syltone	275	...	...	4.3	18.3
370	279	TI	369 †	+ 4	...	3.6	25.2
25	12	TLS Range▲	25	...	...	1.2	...
280	211	TT Group	273	+ 3	...	3.0	16.8
249	220	Takare	241	+ 1	1.8	0.9	19.9
868	618	Takeda Chem	806	-18	...	0.6	21.4
66	24	Tex Hldgs	61	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)▲	94	...	...	7.2	∞
225	150	Thon▲	225	...	...	2.0	19.6
271	212½	Tomkins	243	+ 4	...	3.3	17.9
111	67	Trafalgar H	110½	...	...	3.7	8.1
579	346	Transfer Tech	489	+19	16.0	4.1	12.3
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	174	...	...	5.0	20.9
253	214	UniChem	243	- 1	5.6	2.9	15.9
375	275½	Unidare	375	...	...	5.2	12.2
76	11½	Unigroup	40	- 1	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1073	- 5	21.3	2.5	14.6
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	6987½	-87½	...	3.9	11.7
915	513	VSEL	880	...	...	4.1	9.4
9¼	6¼	Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	149	...	...	1.3	...
367	243	Victaulic	310	+ 9	...	3.2	15.3
440	283	Vinten	437	...	...	2.0	20.3
660	427	Vosper Thorny	660	...	...	3.0	16.0
46	41	WSP Hldgs	45	...	...	8.1	11.7
468	368	Wagon Ind	418 †	+ 3	...	5.2	18.4
93	71	Walker Greenbk	92	...	3.1	4.2	23.5
258	201	Wassall	245	+ 1	2.5	1.3	24.7
40	22	Watford Wdgwd	40	...	...	...	...
384	291	Weir	318	-30	...	2.3	17.8
993	600	Wellcome	743	-13	13.0	2.2	20.5
23½	19	Wellman	20	...	0.9	5.6	32.6
343	260	West Hldgcare	342 †	...	...	1.4	∞
510	460	Whatman	498	...	9.5	2.4	16.9
353	267	Whessoe	284	...	...	3.5	11.0
65	27	Whitecroft	61	...	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
120	44	Willes (James)	116	- 2	3.5	...	33.5
365	295½	Williams Hldg	345	...	12.5	4.5	18.1
36½	17	Wilshaw	35 †	+ 1	...	1.8	22.1
661	533	Wolseley	654	...	12.5	2.4	22.7
150	135	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	40 †	...	...	3.1	...
59	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993¼	1543½	Alex & Alex	1687½	+12½	...	4.0	...
2312½	1787½	Am Gen	2312½	...	...	3.2	...
50	30	Archer (AJ)	49	...	4.4	...	23.8
148	118	Bradstock	141 †	...	5.1	4.5	17.4
498	399½	Britannic	461	+ 3	...	3.1	...
667	556	Com Union	612 †	- 3	...	5.0	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1558	...	...	1.4	25.7
37	18	FAI	37	+ 1	...	...	...
699	546	Gen Accident	690	+ 2	26.7	4.9	...
221	160	GRE	213	- 1	7.0	4.2	17.5
411	290	Heath C E	406	...	...	4.9	...
228	168	Hogg Gp	223	+ 3	8.1	4.6	20.2
218	164	JIB Group	200	- 2	7.5	4.7	20.2
513	408½	Legal & Gen	483	- 6	...	4.9	29.3
1092	768	Liberty Life	951	-11	...	3.1	10.2
405	403	Lloyds Abbey	428	- 2	17.3	5.1	15.4
358	253	Lloyd Thomp	335	- 1	5.6	2.1	24.7
368	274	Londn & Man	348	...	14.2	5.1	25.6
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	443 †	...	13.5	3.8	15.9
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	6062½	+25	...	3.0	...
99	76	Oriel	99	...	...	6.3	...
72	50½	PWS	71	...	4.0	7.0	10.3
349	282½	Prudential	336	- 1	...	4.4	22.3
1138	800	Refuge	988	+ 5	31.5	4.0	27.4
347	268	Royal	319	...	...	2.6	...
204	150	Sedgwick	196 †	...	...	3.9	23.5
261	205	Steel Burrill	252	...	...	3.6	14.9
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	85	+ 5	8.2	...	8.6
399	307	Sun Alliance	386	+ 4	14.2	4.6	...
61	50	Trade Indemnity	55	...	...	...	...
330	239	Transatlantic	330 †	...	12.0	4.5	30.6
773	499	Utd Friendly	630	+ 1	14.5	2.9	27.5
342	171	Willis Corroon	236	...	...	3.5	50.4
20	13½	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1805	1548	Alliance	1803	+ 8	45.0	3.1	39.1
264	236½	Amer Trust	253	- 1	4.9	2.4	52.5
404	304	Ang & O'seas	400 †	...	6.8	2.1	50.8
145	126	BZW Conv	145	+ 1	7.8	6.7	17.0
186	133½	Bankers	181½	- ½	3.4	2.4	49.9
316	264	Baring Tribune	316	+ 1	6.4	2.6	50.0
187	131	Berry Starq	187	...	2.2	1.5	60.8
110	96½	Br Assets	108½	- ½	...	4.9	26.6
82	57½	Br Empire Sec	81	...	0.8	1.4	...
29	14	-do- Wrnts	28½	...	...	...	...
196	156	Br Inv	196	+ 2	4.5	2.0	44.2
189	130	Contl Asset	189	+ 1	2.4	1.6	62.9
195	143	Derby Inc	151	+ 1	...	11.8	9.1
280	195	-do- Cap	275	...	...	...	...
79	62	Drayton Blue	79	...	8.4	13.3	8.8
81	75	-do- Eng Intl	80	+ 2	1.2	1.9	...
133	94	-do- Far East	129	+ 1½	0.6	0.6	...
122	95	-do- Korea	112	...	0.5	0.6	...
662	570	Dunedin Inc G	660	- 1	25.4	4.9	30.0
100	94	-do- Japan	99	+ 2	...	...	...
55	38	-do- Warrants	53	...	...	...	...
691	513	-do- Wwde	691	+ 1	9.5	1.7	71.2
292	222	Dundee & Lon	292	+ 1	...	3.4	36.9
301	250½	Edinburgh	297	- 1	8.4	3.5	32.5
287	183	Electra Inv	283	...	6.7	3.0	38.0
190	141	Electric Gen	190 †	+ 2	3.1	2.0	∞
113	85	English Scot	113	+ 1	...	...	...
298	205	European Asset	297	...	...	2.4	18.6
122	77	Finsbury 'A'	122	+ 1	3.0	3.1	39.2
291	248	Fleming Amer	287	...	0.7	0.3	...
219	190½	-do- Claver	215	- 1	...	3.1	42.4
318	212	-do- Contl	315	...	2.7	1.1	...
202	147	-do- Entp	201 †	...	4.7	2.9	∞
334	213	-do- F East	319	+ 2	1.1	0.4	...
323	246	-do- Fledg	323	+ 1	3.0	1.2	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	108	...	...	5.3	17.8
260	136	-do- Japan	240	+ 1	0.3	0.2	...
287	250	-do- Merc	284	- 1	6.7	3.0	60.4
292	212	-do- Oseas	289	...	4.0	1.7	69.0
258	203	Foreign & Col	252 †	...	...	1.7	68.6
214	164	-do- Eurotst	214	...	1.2	0.7	...
124	87	-do- German	124	+ 1	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	299	...	1.9	0.8	...
161	116	-do- Smaller	161	...	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	251	+ 1	...	0.6	...
140	65	Genl Cons Cap	140	+ 1	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	113 †	...	...	9.3	11.7
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	140	+ 2	...	...	...
316	184	-do- Oriental	303½	+ 1½	0.9	0.4	...
282	207	-do- Strategy	270	- 1	...	3.0	38.5
395	340	Greenfriar	395	...	...	2.0	59.3
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
54½	47	Independent Inv	54½	+ 1	0.6	1.4	∞
143	124	Inv Cap	142	...	5.1	4.5	28.5
97	77	Ivs UK Smllr	96	...	2.8	3.6	26.8
207	150½	Kleinwort Chrt	207	...	5.0	3.0	40.3
290	176	-do- O'seas	233½ †	+ 1	3.3	1.8	66.3
127	108	-do- Smlr	127	- 1	4.0	3.9	30.8
680	540	Law Debenture	673 †	+ 1	18.2	3.4	33.6
194	164	Majedie	194	+ 2	...	3.1	37.5
272	221	Merchants	267	...	10.6	5.0	24.8
6350	3700	Merrill Lynch	6350 †	+68½	...	1.7	61.9
489	383	Monks Inv Tst	489	+ 1	...	4.3	26.4
133	105	Morg Gren Inc	133	...	...	...	...
47	23	Do Warrants	47	...	...	...	...
56	39	Murray Euro	55	...	0.1	0.4	...
21	4½	Do Wts	18½	- ½	...	...	...
343	282	Murray Income	343	+ 2	10.9	4.0	∞
340	265	-do- Intl	339	...	11.6	4.3	30.3
381	263	-do- Small	381	+ 2	...	1.4	...
105	93	-do- S/C Inc	93	...	...	14.2	9.1
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	133	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
157½	142½	-do- S/C DP	157½	...	...	...	...
315	230	-do- Vent	312	- 2	...	2.1	24.6
90	58½	New Frontier	88½	+ ½	0.2	0.4	...
87	68	Northrog Inc	87	+ 1	6.7	9.7	10.3
336	249	O'Seas Inv Tst	331	+ 2	2.8	1.1	...
411	285	Pacific Assets	395	+ 3	1.1	0.3	...
314	187	Do Warrants	299	+ 2	...	...	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8300	...	...	3.4	49.6
158	100	RIT Cap Pnr	155	...	1.1	0.9	...
126	108	River & Merc	122 †	...	9.2	9.4	12.2
419	350	Robeco	418	...	...	3.0	...
423	346	Rolinco	418	...	...	1.8	...
279	214	St Andrew Inv	276 †	- 1	7.5	3.4	37.1
156½	131	Scot American	154 †	...	...	3.8	32.6
225	136	Scot Asian	218	+ 1	...	...	...
505	225	do Warrants	498	...	...	...	...
81½	63½	-do- Eastern	79½	...	1.5	2.4	51.9
221	183	Scottish	219	...	4.6	2.6	45.4
225	178	-do- Mtge	221	...	4.0	2.3	57.4
93	71	-do- Value	93	+ ½	...	2.4	66.2
1592	1390	Second Allnce	1584	- 4	36.5	2.9	42.6
91	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	88½	...	3.2	4.6	29.3
157	109½	Selective Asset	155½	- 1	1.2	1.0	55.9
35	14	Sphere Inv	34	+ ½	3.1	11.7	10.7
164	112	TR Far East	154 †	- 1	4.5	3.7	33.8
152	126	TR City Of Lon	151½	+ ½	4.8	4.0	∞
168	110	TR Pacific	161	+ 4	0.3	0.3	...
32	17	TR Property	30½	...	0.9	3.7	31.7
99	47	TR Tech Inv	99	+ 1	1.7	2.2	36.7
196½	146	TR Smlr Cos	196½	+ ½	3.8	2.4	∞
348	283	Temple Bar	337 †	- 2	13.2	4.9	25.4
97	69	Thrmn Asian E	94	...	0.5	0.7	...
78	54	Throgmorton	78	...	2.3	3.7	31.8
550	363	Throg Dual Cp	543	+ 3	...	...	...
230	178	USDC Invest	229	+ 1	4.5	2.5	43.1
112	76½	Value Inc Tst	107	...	3.6	4.2	26.9
670	542	Whitbread Inv	669	- 1	16.5	3.1	40.3
216	181	Wisan	213½	- ½	5.6	3.3	37.4

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
381	289	Airtours	379	+ 1	7.2	2.4	13.4
64	42	Ald Leis	59	...	4.7	...	16.9
357	194	Anglia TV	331	...	...	3.5	15.3
103	63	Baldwin	75 †	...	3.0	5.0	10.2
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	222	...	10.0	5.6	14.3
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1245	...	22.0	2.2	18.7
153	90	Border TV▲	130	...	...	3.1	∞
16½	4½	Brent Walker	6½	...	...	...	...
58	48	Bristol Scots	53	...	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
292	110	Campari	136	...	...	11.0	...
230	171	Capital Radio	229	...	5.2	3.9	26.5
818	718	Carlton Comm	801	...	17.0	2.7	23.6
200	158	Castle Comm▲	180	+ 4	...	5.9	16.4
2080	1615	Central TV	1963	...	38.0	2.4	21.4
83	61	Chrysalis	77	...	...	...	...
589	470	Compass Gp	577	+ 2	...	2.8	17.3
350	175	Eurocamp	217	- 9	9.7	5.6	9.0
1180	610	Euro Disney	665	...	...	1.7	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	5½	...	...	...	...
36	18	Ex-Lands	32	...	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	269	...	10.5	4.9	...
378	290½	First Leisure	294	-11	6.1	2.6	20.2
515	298	GWR Gp▲	515	+ 3	...	1.7	26.5
239	149	Grampian	238	...	6.1	3.2	16.5
15	4½	Greenwich Comm▲	14	...	...	...	...
67	19	HTV Group	62	- 2	...	...	27.5
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	60	+ 3	...	4.2	...
12½	5½	Kunick	11½	...	...	...	...
490	262	LWT CP	465	...	...	1.3	21.5
481	327	Man Utd	479	...	18.0	4.7	16.5
148	59	Owners Abrd	84	+ 4	3.5	5.3	6.0
73	33	The Pelican Gp	73	+ 1	...	1.9	∞
160	55	Prism Leisure▲	138	...	...	3.0	12.5
30	16	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
320	274	Radio Clyde▲	320	...	...	3.3	25.1
193	132	Ramsdens (H)	193	+ 8	...	2.9	25.6
553	431	Scot TV	519	- 3	9.9	2.4	25.5
60	37	Southern Radio	49	+ 4	0.7	2.0	20.4
280	168	Stanley Leisure	257	- 1	4.3	2.1	20.3
10	5½	Sunleigh▲	8½	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.4	∞
2½	1	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	95	...	...	...	3.1
78	44	Trans World▲	57	...	...	1.8	20.8
489	274	Ulster TV	487	- 1	10.0	2.6	14.9
101	62	Vardon	99	...	0.7	0.9	23.4
22	11	Wembley	19	+ 2	0.2	1.3	...
48	7½	Whitegate	42	...	...	...	...
218	110	Yorkshire TV	214	...	12.0	7.0	6.5
120	83	Zetters Gp	114 †	...	8.0	8.8	∞

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	4612½	-34½	...	4.5	22.2
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1412½	...	...	6.6	7.1
2300	1125	Ang Am	2062½	...	...	3.4	17.0
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	27½	+ 1½	...	...	...
133	33	Blyvoors	114	- 1	...	5.4	6.3
46	18	Bracken	38	- 4	...	...	1.7
877	233	Buffels	669	- 6	...	9.8	∞
2½	1	Butte	2	...	...	...	...
703	546	CRA	703	+13	...	2.9	22.7
43½	11	Cluff Res	30½	- 1½	...	...	...
1312½	762½	De Beers	1268½	+ 6½	...	3.9	16.5
165	37½	Deelkraal	120	- 8	...	1.7	∞
96	7	Doornfontein	43	- 4	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	694	-19	...	4.4	∞
709	120	Durban	518	- 5	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	122	- 2	...	9.6	3.4
270	54	E Rand Prop	209	- 2	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	361	- 3	...	3.5	8.1
899	292	FS Cons	744	-20	...	6.9	8.9
80	8	FS Dev	57	- 4	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1218	-48	...	3.3	∞
180	125	Gencor	157	- 1	...	6.3	12.2
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	52	+ ½	...	2.6	12.8
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	108	...	...	9.7	6.3
360	78	Harmony	301	+ 1	...	...	...
425	87	Harties	294	-10	...	6.7	∞
16	8½	Inoco▲	15	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	784	...	...	3.6	25.6
13½	6	Kenmare Res▲	9½	...	...	...	...
1080	332	Kinross	845	-16	...	6.0	9.3
913	319	Kloof	636	- 1	...	3.5	∞
137	25	Leslie	102	- 1	...	4.1	10.2
219	13	Loraine	161	- 4	...	...	...
840	620	Lydenburg	780	...	...	2.6	∞
116½	81½	MIM	99½	+ 3	...	2.3	45.4
1265	820	Minorco	1178	-16	...	3.4	13.1
136½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	134	+ 2	...	3.7	20.7
2287½	612½	Orange Free	1900	-46½	...	6.9	14.5
724	607	RTZ	724	+12	...	3.6	27.2
637½	425	Rand Mines	606½	...	...	9.7	2.7
671	150	Randfontein	544	- 4	...	5.5	∞
192	115	Renison	170	+ 4	...	2.7	16.5
1200	850	Rustnburg	1062½	+12½	...	3.1	∞
595	191	St Helena	498	- 4	...	4.9	10.0
2168	475	Southvaal	1748	-16	...	3.3	30.2
109	18	Stilfontein	87	- 1	...	7.3	15.1
201	58	Unisel	122	- 2	...	2.5	11.8
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	4987½	-25	...	4.4	8.5
582	154	Welkom	485	-13	...	7.0	14.3
351	26	Western Areas	288	- 2	...	2.5	∞
2512½	587½	Western Deep	2200	-12½	...	2.9	10.1
283	176	Wstrn Mining	260	+ 6½	...	...	...
1029	323	Winkels	886	- 8	...	1.1	7.2
84	36	Zambia Copper	69	+ 1	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	49	- 1	...	6.3	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	231	...	...	...	...
130	95	Airflow Stream	130	...	3.0	2.9	12.5
160	82	Appleyard	158	- 1	5.2	4.1	...
300	203	Bletchley Mtr	300	+ 5	...	3.7	15.3
160	120	Bostrom	160	+ 2	6.0	4.8	27.9
468	165	Br Aerospace	447	+ 3	7.0	2.0	...
52	19½	Burndene	47	...	...	3.1	12.5
398	303	Caffyns	388	...	11.5	3.7	78.5
12½	4½	Caverdale	12	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr▲	133 †	...	...	3.8	33.8
29	18	Cook (DC)▲	27 †	...	...	2.8	∞
287	156	Cowie (T)	253 †	- 2	6.2	3.1	19.3
133	80	Dag Motors	133	- 1	5.7	5.4	24.0
152	102½	Davnpt Vern	152	...	...	3.3	19.2
300	155	ERF	298	...	2.0	0.8	...
131	92	European Mtr	131	...	...	3.3	18.4
396	208	Evans Halshaw	305	...	11.8	3.6	60.3
290	226	FR Group	281	+ 1	...	3.2	13.1
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3493½	+43½	...	...	...
3312½	2143½	General Mtr	3150 †	+25	...	1.6	...
75	38	Gowrings	75	+ 2	2.0	3.3	...
222	85	Henlys	222	...	3.0	1.7	...
917	650	Honda Motor	897	- 2	...	0.6	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	26	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	102	- 4	4.5	5.5	...
166	47	Kwik-Fit	165	+ 1	...	2.5	29.5
418	281	Lex Service	409 †	- 6	...	3.2	22.4
159	85	Lookers	158 †	...	6.2	4.9	...
163	126	Lucas	155	+ 1	7.0	5.6	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	23½	...	...	...	...
276	234½	Pendragon	276	...	...	3.0	22.3
198	106	Perry Gp	198	...	6.0	3.8	...
185	108	Quicks Group	185	...	...	3.1	23.4
164	99	Rolls-Royce	158½	- 1	...	3.9	...
223	164	T & N	213	...	...	6.4	34.1
208	143	Trinity Hldgs	208	...	...	3.3	∞
183	125	Vardy (Reg)	161	+ 1	...	3.2	22.9
230	121	Westland	236	+ 6	4.2	2.3	20.9

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
168	103	Adscene	166	...	4.0	3.0	17.7
340	315	Black (A&C)	340	...	13.5	5.0	13.9
608	423	Blenheim Gp	450	- 6	...	2.5	10.5
370	275	Bristol	345	...	...	4.3	31.1
£102	7775	Daily Mail	£100½	-25	13.0	1.6	22.7
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£100½	-25	13.0	1.6	22.7
305	251	Dorling Kind	297	...	...	1.3	28.4
373	322	EMAP	362	+ 2	...	2.7	22.1
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1078	+ 5	29.5	3.4	24.3
237	170	Harrisson K	224	+ 4	4.5	2.5	18.3
418	233	Haynes Pub	418	...	6.0	1.8	19.0
355	343	Hodder H'line	355	...	5.0	1.6	30.2
140	99	Home Counts	110	...	6.0	5.4	...
140	30	Intl Bus Comm	133	...	...	...	19.2
4	6½	Int Cm & Data▲	7½	...	...	...	...
395	240	Independent	395	...	...	3.0	19.2
501	395	Johnstone Press	501	+ 4	6.2	1.4	24.3
316	243	Metal Bulletin	315 †	...	8.0	3.2	22.2
181	88	Mirror Gp	175	+ 1	...	...	...
475	297	News Corp	435	+21	...	...	...
260	169	News Intl	250	+ 2	1.3	0.7	∞
491	354	Pearson	489	+ 6	...	3.1	29.8
675	510	Portsmth Sund	626	...	...	1.9	17.3
716	618	Reed Intl	716	...	...	3.0	30.9
148	98	Southnews	148	...	...	1.8	27.4
171	90	Sterling Pub▲	170	...	...	2.2	18.5
419	135	Telegraph	419	+ 1	...	1.1	17.4
825	715	Thomson Corp	735 †	...	...	2.1	38.5
385	313	Trinity Intl	385	+ 4	8.7	2.8	21.1
39	29	Unit Group▲	29	...	...	...	...
603½	480½	Utd Nwspapr	573	- 1	...	4.7	16.9

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	31	- ½	...	...	30.2
61	37	Arcon Intl▲	41	...	...	...	...
69½	41½	Atri Oil & Gas	69½	...	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	64	+ 5	...	...	...
16	8	Beverley	11½	...	...	...	...
206	145	Br Borneo	201	...	7.1	4.4	6.1
339½	270	British Gas	329	- 4½	14.2	5.4	15.9
326	225	Br Petroleum	321 †	+ 1½	8.4	3.3	25.2
1½	½	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
786	675	Burmah Castrl	772	-10	...	4.1	19.0
65	32	Cairn Energy	55	+ 1	...	...	7.9
274	221	Calor Gp	274	+ 9	...	5.5	22.8
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	54½	...	...	...	...
44	27	Copley Res	30	...	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas▲	19½	...	...	...	...
521	307	Enterprise	451	- 3	16.0	4.4	55.7
88	71	Exp Co Louis	79	...	...	...	...
34½	16½	Fairhaven Intl	25½	...	...	2.3	...
67	45	Gaul Pet	59	- 1	1.4	1.0	11.3
44	16	Gt Western Res	42	...	...	...	...
174	104½	Hardy O & G	171	+ 7	...	0.7	15.4
46	18½	Kelt Energy	42	...	...	...	...
105	130	LASMO	146	+ 1	3.3	2.8	27.6
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	10	Mid Scot Res▲	11	...	...	...	...
51	34	Monument	50	- ½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	9½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	27	...	1.0	4.6	9.3
35	27	Oil Search	33	+ 2	...	...	...
16	11½	Petroz	14½	...	...	...	...
126	90	Pict Pet	126	+ 8	...	...	17.5
29½	18	Premier	26	- ½	...	...	9.2
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	5.3	...
393	290	Ranger	325	- 5	...	4.8	...
6712½	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6712½	+ 9½	...	4.5	16.3
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4425	-46½	...	1.8	...
67	47	Scafield	53	...	...	...	...
671	515	Shell	674	+ 2½	21.9	4.1	20.7
203	177	Sunrise Eng Sv	179	...	...	...	...
41	21	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	5.9
12½	6	Villers Grp	11½ †	...	...	...	...
172	141	Woodside	155	+ 4	...	2.3	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
132	120	AG Holdings	132	...	...	5.0	12.0
331	249	API	323	...	7.5	2.8	28.1
208	144	Arjo Wiggins	204	...	...	4.0	38.0
533	408	Abbott Mead	533	+ 3	9.3	2.2	22.6
1½	¼	Acsis Group	1¼ #	...	...	...	...
40	13	Aegis Gp	39	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comms▲	135	...	...	4.6	12.1
13	7	BBB Design▲	13	...	...	...	...
404	234½	Bemrose	404	...	...	3.6	16.0
33	12	Birkdale	13	...	0.2	1.9	11.6
146	118	Bunzl	146	+ 4	4.0	3.4	22.0
302	257	CIA Gp	302 †	...	...	1.8	19.1
227	93	Capital Inds	227	+ 3	...	1.8	21.7
79	44	City of Lon▲	77	...	...	6.3	14.2
236	169	Cropper (James)	236	+ 4	3.1	1.6	22.6
6	6	Crown Comm▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckaging	90	...	1.6	2.3	12.1
117	94	Dolphin Pack	106	...	4.5	5.3	26.2
78	42	Dudley Jenkins▲	78 †	...	...	5.0	17.7
15½	11½	Elswick	12	...	...	3.1	15.4
73	41	Fairway Group▲	65 †	...	3.1	6.1	10.2
334	271	Ferguson Intl	334	+ 3	...	4.7	15.1
108	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
137	74	Filofax▲	137	+ 2	...	1.3	17.6
20	14	Finch	15½	...	...	...	...
122	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	120	...	...	5.2	13.6
295	247	Gold Greenless	285	...	8.3	3.7	∞
41	20	Goodhead	24	...	0.5	2.6	...
88	35	Hunterprint	50	...	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	160	...	7.4	5.9	10.5
264	191	Jarvis Porter	251	...	...	2.3	23.4
32	15½	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
309	175	More O'Ferrall	309	...	13.2	5.3	32.0
133	48	NMC Group	127	...	2.0	2.0	19.4
138	66	Osborne & Little	137	...	4.2	4.2	15.0
517	455	Portals	514	+ 7	...	3.5	17.6
266	167	Quarto	256	+ 1	5.3	2.6	14.1
347	287	St Ives Gp	305	...	5.2	2.2	20.8
185½	142½	Saatchi	164	...	...	...	...
474	333	Sappi	360	-19	...	10.3	6.8
20	11½	Serif▲	20	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	25	...	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	389	- 2	...	3.2	20.4
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	249	- 2	...	2.9	16.0
68	45	Somic	60	...	1.5	3.1	24.6
246	183	Star-Plus	229	+ 1	8.0	4.4	28.4
27½	16½	Taylor Nelson	27	- ½	0.3	1.4	22.7
68	38	VTR▲	68	...	...	6.2	18.6
97	40	WPP	97	+ 1	...	1.3	3.6
158	62	Wace	158	+ 5	...	...	...
255	203	Waddington (J)	255	...	...	3.9	19.1
728	540	Watmough	728	...	11.5	2.0	28.6
7	4½	Westport▲	6	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mck▲	24	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	77	...	...	2.0	16.5

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
94	41	Allied Lon	94	...	3.5	4.7	...
63	58	Arcadian	62	...	...	...	...
101	52	Asda	101	+ 1	...	2.6	10.6
139	88	Avonside	136	...	4.0	3.7	10.0
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2262½	-12½	...	...	...
630	396	Bilton	630	+11	18.9	3.8	22.8
110	23	Bourne End	92	...	1.0	1.4	...
224	150	Bradford	222	- 1	5.4	3.0	22.5
23	5	Bredero	14	...	...	...	...
378	166½	Br Land	378	+ 5	...	2.3	34.4
240	140½	Brixton	227	- 1	...	4.6	18.0
75	42	Burford	75	+ 2	...	1.9	...
164	99	Cap & Regnl▲	164	...	...	0.8	...
205	120	Cardiff Prop	205	+10	2.4	1.5	...
419	196	Chesterfield	419	+ 2	11.0	3.3	30.0
40	12	City Site Ests	40	...	1.4	...	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	...	...	...
53	34	Conrad Rbisl GS	51	...	...	...	...
1245	818	Daejan	1245 †	+ 7	...	2.7	15.4
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenham Twsn	93	+ 1	...	4.0	18.1
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
143	76	Dencora	143	+ 8	3.0	2.6	...
530	263	Derwent Hldgs	530	+15	8.6	2.0	66.1
44	10	Development Sec	44	+ ½	...	...	...
55	25	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
280	170	Estates Agency	280	...	3.0	...	23.8
27	7½	Estates Gen	21	- 1	...	...	...
214	132	Evans Of Leeds	209	...	...	2.7	18.3
31½	11	Five Oaks	31	...	...	...	...
63	30	Fletcher King	62	...	1.0	2.0	41.1
456	276½	Frogmore	456	+ 2	...	4.1	28.5
200	97	Grainger	199	...	5.2	3.3	45.5
207	116½	Gr Portland	206	+ 3	...	6.1	18.7
26½	7½	Greycoat	22	...	5.2	...	...
151	101	HK Land	151	+ 4½	...	4.3	28.6
77	35	Hambro Cntyw	76	+ 7½	0.5	0.8	...
401	257½	Hammerson	390	- 9	10.0	3.2	39.5
663	245	-do- 'A'	361	- 8	10.0	3.5	28.5
253	127	Helical Bar	253	...	...	2.4	9.1
31	19	Hemingway	31	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	76	+ 2	3.7	6.2	70.1
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
682	435	Land Sec	673	...	22.8	4.2	38.3
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	104	- 3	4.0	4.8	18.3
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
499	315½	MEPC	488	- 5	...	5.1	23.0
9	5	McInerney A	9 #	...	...	...	...
135	90	McKay Secs	132 †	...	3.5	3.3	∞
12	3	Markheath	5½	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	41	- 1	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Es	40	...	...	...	...
1290	775	Mountview	1200	+50	20.0	2.1	11.9
168	112	Mucklow (A&J)	168	+ 1	5.9	4.4	23.6
46	30	Olives Prop	36	...	1.5	5.2	...
10½	3½	Ossory Est	5	...	0.1	...	1.5
151	88	PSIT	151 †	+ 4	4.1	3.4	29.9
279	138	Peel	279 †	+ 5	4.0	1.8	∞
16	7	Power Corp	7	...	...	...	0.8
48	22	Property Trust	45	...	...	...	...
75	42	Raglan	46	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	18½	- 1	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
38	16	St Modwen Prp	37	+ 1	0.6	2.0	28.2
70	39	Savills	61½	+ ½	...	2.0	28.3
89	34	Scot Met	89	...	1.5	...	...
105	39	Shaftesbury	99	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	6.5
243	139½	Slough Estates	241	- 1	...	4.3	16.6
82	56	Southend Prop	75	+ 1	4.2	7.1	...
28	16	Stanhope Prps▲	28	+ 1	...	...	...
185	114	Tops Ests	184 †	...	2.1	1.4	68.6
125	79	Town Centre	125	...	3.1	3.1	23.1
83	43	Trafford Park	75	...	2.5	4.3	20.2
66	3	UK Land	5½	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	5	...	...	...	...
258	180	Warner	255	...	10.5	5.1	21.3
215	168	Warnford	215 †	...	7.5	4.4	15.8
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
85	35	Wates	85	+ 2	0.7	...	...
76	40	Wood John D▲	67	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic▲	16	+ 1	...	1.9	...
168	84	Headlam	168	...	...	1.9	37.9
500	315	Lambert	315	...	13.0	5.2	7.7
100	51	Pittards	63	...	2.0	4.0	18.0
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
187	89	Stylo	179 †	...	...	2.1	68.5
66	53	UK Safety	66	...	...	23.8	2.2

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	484 †	+ 1	12.6	3.3	15.6
69	54	Beckman (A)	61	- 4	4.7	...	12.1
35	21	Bolton Gp	34	...	...	...	17.3
170	141	Br Mohair	169	- 1	8.5	6.3	15.8
53	15	Chartwell▲	41	...	...	...	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	338	...	7.2	2.2	21.1
601	522	Courtauld Text	560	+ 2	13.6	3.0	15.3
53½	24½	Cupid▲	29	+ 1	...	...	...
248½	205	Dawson	226	...	...	5.0	17.2
38	22	Drummond	38	...	...	...	...
81	65	Faupel▲	81	...	...	7.6	12.5
34	15	Foster (John)	22	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	117	...	4.2	4.5	...
214	156	Hicking Pntcst	214	+14	...	2.3	16.6
61	45	Jerome (S)	61	...	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	348	...	12.0	4.3	23.0
506	353½	Leeds	499	+ 2	...	1.8	24.1
42	15	Lister	42	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	76	Lyles (S)	84	...	4.9	7.0	10.0
180	89	Magellan	178	...	1.4	1.0	...
166	69	Parkland 'A'	166	...	2.0	1.5	...
102½	82	Readicut	99½	...	...	4.3	18.7
53	35	SEET	48	...	...	...	...
103	72	Strdar	103	...	5.1	6.2	18.1
72	44	Stirling Gp	70 †	...	1.8	3.3	17.1
51	37	Stoddard	46	...	...	4.1	42.5
312	290	Tomkinsons	300	...	11.5	4.8	25.9
62½	32½	West Trust	37	+ 1	...	8.4	...
208	126	Yorklyde	183	...	...	3.6	12.0

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	479½	- 3½	...	4.9	14.2
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	704	- 4	11.5	2.8	14.0

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
469	349	Assoc Br Ports	467	- 1	...	2.3	...
813	707	BAA	799	+ 1	...	2.5	14.0
399½	249	Br Airways	353	+ ½	...	3.8	18.4
106	56	Clarkson (H)	103	+10	1.5	1.4	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	466	...	...	...	...
62	44	Fisher (James)	52	...	1.0	1.5	22.0
215	147	IOM Steam	205	...	...	4.9	20.7
34	24	Jacobs (J)	32	...	0.5	2.0	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frs	77	...	...	1.6	15.1
2912½	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2912½	+37½	4.5	0.2	15.9
344	290	Mersey Docks	336	...	7.5	2.5	23.9
263	181	Nall Express	263	...	...	3.4	18.8
294	230	NFC	269½	+ 1½	6.5	3.0	20.5
334	244	Ocean Group	325	- 5	...	5.5	27.0
73	40	Ocean Wilson	73	...	4.0	6.8	13.2
676	504	P & O Dfd	651	- 5	...	5.9	35.3
155	127	P & O 5 1/2%	155	- 1	...	4.4	...
563	449	Powell Duffryn	550	- 1	...	5.0	21.7
170	117	Sexton▲	170	...	...	3.8	18.5
147	112	Stagecoach	147	+ 5	...	3.2	∞
60	31½	TNT	52	...	...	...	...
773	624	Tibbet & Britn	738	...	11.8	2.0	28.3
182	173	Tiphook	234	...	...	10.3	...
298	227	TDG	264	...	...	4.5	18.6

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
551	455	Anglian Water	527	- 2	...	5.0	10.7
652	547	Northumbrian	636	- 2	...	4.4	6.5
537½	431½	North West	515	- 5	...	5.2	8.2
552½	439½	Severn Trent	541	...	...	4.8	8.7
577	454	Sthrn Water	558	- 2	...	4.8	9.3
1525	1225	Sth Staffs	1525	...	47.0	2.9	10.9
560	485	South West	557	...	...	5.3	9.1
563	454	Thames Water	539	- 3	...	4.9	10.6
639	506	Welsh Water	621	+ 2	...	4.7	6.3
640	536	Wessex Water	635	+ 3	...	4.2	9.6
591	472½	Yorkshire W	553	+ 1	...	4.8	9.4

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100½	99	Fund 6% 1993	100 †	...	6.00	...
106	101	Treas 13¼% 1993	101	[illegible]	13.50	5.69
102	101	Treas 8½% 1994	101	[illegible]	8.40	5.54
109	104	Treas 14½% 1994	104 †	[illegible]	13.87	5.55
109	105	Exch 13½% 1994	105	[illegible]	12.83	5.48
105	103	Treas 10% 1994	103	[illegible]	9.66	5.44
110	106	Exch 12½% 1994	106	[illegible]	11.71	5.41
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	...	8.64	5.40
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	108	...	11.03	5.49
97	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.10	4.87
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	...	9.47	5.61
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	[illegible]	11.14	5.74
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	118	[illegible]	11.86	5.85
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	[illegible]	12.43	5.99
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	118	[illegible]	11.23	5.98
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	111	...	9.00	6.14
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	121	...	10.95	6.30
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113 †	[illegible]	9.28	6.27
109	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	108	...	8.05	6.29
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130	[illegible]	11.52	6.59
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	112	...	8.67	6.45
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	103 †	...	7.00	6.35
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	...	6.66	6.10
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	[illegible]	10.91	6.86

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	137	[illegible]	11.28	6.70
125	118	Exch 12% 1998	122	[illegible]	9.79	6.79
115	108	Treas 9½% 1999	112	[illegible]	8.41	6.61
125	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	124 †	[illegible]	9.82	6.85
119	112	Treas 10½% 1999	117	[illegible]	8.92	6.72
118	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	117	[illegible]	8.71	6.73
113	106	Conv 9% 2000	111	[illegible]	8.04	6.71
132	125	Treas 13% 2000	132	[illegible]	9.95	7.04
119	109	Treas 10% 2001	117	[illegible]	8.53	7.00
119	109	Treas 9¾% 2002	117	[illegible]	8.30	7.08
108	97	Treas 8% 2003	107	[illegible]	7.45	6.95
121	109	Treas 10% 2003	120 †	[illegible]	8.31	7.12
125	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	124 †	[illegible]	9.26	7.28
80	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79	...	4.39	6.07
118	105	Conv 9½% 2004	117	...	8.10	7.21
115	105	Conv 9½% 2005	117	...	8.06	7.23
136	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	135	[illegible]	9.23	7.46
107	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	105	[illegible]	7.59	7.17
129	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	128	[illegible]	9.12	7.43
111	97	Treas 8½% 2007	110	[illegible]	7.71	7.31
144	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	143 †	[illegible]	9.40	7.46

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	101	Treas 9% 2008	114	[illegible]	7.84	7.35
107	92	Treas 8% 2009	105 †	[illegible]	7.55	7.37
117	100	Conv 9% 2011	115	[illegible]	7.78	7.40
117	100	Treas 9% 2012	116	[illegible]	7.76	7.40
85	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	84 †	[illegible]	6.53	7.00
106	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	104	...	7.43	7.35
107	93	Treas 8% 2013	105 †	...	7.55	7.42
147	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	145	[illegible]	8.27	7.50
116	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	114	[illegible]	7.63	7.42

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
47	38	War Ln 3½%	46	[illegible]	7.47	..
34	27	Treas 2½%	32 †	[illegible]	7.63	..

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
135	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	135	[illegible]	...	0.01
199	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	199 †	[illegible]	1.49	2.37
110	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110	[illegible]	1.90	2.54
168	150	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168 †	[illegible]	2.66	3.01
164	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164	[illegible]	2.81	3.12
112	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	112	[illegible]	2.84	3.14
173	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	173	[illegible]	2.90	3.13
157	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	157	[illegible]	3.05	3.26
164	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	164	[illegible]	3.08	3.27
135	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	135	[illegible]	3.11	3.28
146	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	145	[illegible]	3.14	3.31
141	126	Treas IL 2½% 2020	140	[illegible]	3.19	3.32
118	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118	[illegible]	3.19	3.32
118	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	118	[illegible]	3.20	3.33



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Carelines and growing pains

GALLERIES: **Richard Cork** on a young painter whose work reflects her South African and Dutch background

When painting enjoyed a flamboyant international revival in the early 1980s, outspoken *emotions and agitated brushmarks* spread like an epidemic across acres of splattered canvas. A decade later, in cooler times, much of the work generated by this excitable resurgence now looks overblown and merely melodramatic. But some of the artists who emerged in that hectoring period have proved durable.

Although neo-expressionism no longer basks in the fashionable approval of ten years ago, **Marlene Dumas** still possesses the integrity and stamina to merit widespread *respect. While so many of the other*, loudly touted "new painters" of the time have slipped into rhetorical showmanship, she has quietly grown in stature.

This summer, at the age of 40, Dumas's achievement is being surveyed by the Institute of Contemporary Arts in her first solo London exhibition. Having lived in Holland for almost 20 years, she is often regarded as a Dutch artist. But she spent the first half of her life in South Africa, and memories of growing up in Cape Town may *help to account for the tense*, awkward strangeness which gives this show its unsettling power.

Dumas is a difficult painter to pin down. "At the moment", she wrote in 1986, "my art is situated between the pornographic tendency to reveal everything and the erotic inclination to hide what it's all about." The statement still holds true.

At first, she appears to declare an *open debt to the pioneer generation* of German Expressionists. The impulsive harshness of Kirchner and Nolde seems to lie behind many of her graphic works, and she certainly shares their willingness to explore distressing regions of the psyche.

Her preoccupation with women and children also recalls Köllwitz's *obsessive concentration on the* same subjects. Dumas and Köllwitz are united by their determination to avoid a cloying, complacent view of their chosen themes, which usually end up unnerving the viewer rather than providing even a hint of comfort.

On another level, though, this exhibition lacks the Expressionists' headlong, raspingly confessional urge. Dumas may not have been born in Holland, but she shares with the Dutch a certain coolness and detachment. Little of Kirchner's neurotic ferocity, Nolde's *abandon or Köllwitz's relentless* morbidity can be detected here.

Dumas is neither anguished, ecstatic nor possessed by death. She stays at one remove, taking photographs from newspapers, family albums and art books as the springboard for ruminative pictures which drain the original images of their colour and detail alike.

Take the array of drawings called *Female*, completed just before the exhibition opened. Unframed, and as informal as *snapshots, these rapidly executed*

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studies in grey-wash cover an enormous wall with a multitude of wan, introspective faces. Some look down, others glance warily to the side. One raises an arm to shield her eyes, as if weary of observing or being observed. But most of these anonymous heads look tired and defensive — a mood accentuated by the blotchy, stained handling of the wash.

Here *humanity is at its most* vulnerable, and a sense of universal despondency threatens to deprive Dumas's art of pictorial energy. Upstairs, though, she shows just how arresting her work can be. Four large paintings called *The First People* seem to leap off the end wall.

Presumably based on photographs of naked, reclining babies seen from above, they could have been saccharine images regurgitating generalised notions about the wonder of infancy. Instead, they seem raw and disconcerting. Dumas knows exactly how babies writhe and thrust out impetuous limbs when lying on their backs. Each swollen face looks dazed, even startled by the world as it struggles to scrutinise the surroundings.

The flesh is either painfully pink, as if suffering from sunburn, or alarmingly blanched. Their tight, swollen bellies contrast with the *spindliness of the inert legs* dangling below. But the babies' arms are hyperactive, raised with muscular obstinacy to terminate in bunched fists or claw-like fingers.

The helplessness of infants is vividly conveyed, and so is their latent dynamism. Some of their glances seem cunning rather than bewildered, and Dumas's supremely uningratiating way with paint ensures that they assert a pugnacious wilfulness as well.

There is nothing innocent about *The First People*. They live up to the *paintings' collective title by seem*ing to contain, in essence, their adult characteristics. In a sinister canvas called *Snow White and the Broken Arm*, a row of boys' faces stare down at the woman resting on a table. Naked apart from the bandage swathing her arm, she resembles a pale victim laid out on a sacrificial altar.

The radio in her hand appears incapable of providing reassurance as she helplessly submits to this furtive yet threatening surveillance. Although the boys may be unwilling to *inflict any bodily harm, their* prying presence is enough to reduce her to a state of near-paralysis.

Not that children are always seen as preciously in control. *The Dance* should be a joyful picture, celebrating the high spirits of four girls — two black and two white — as they all hold hands. Dumas, however, subverts any cosy expectations we may bring to the scene. Viewed from behind, the girls look oddly downcast as they stand erect and gaze into the shadowy bleakness of the yard ahead of them.

Far from giving themselves over to the pleasures of dance, they remain cowed by the ominous emptiness beyond. And Dumas's handling reinforces the melancholy mood, stripping the scene of incidentals in order to stress the children's frailty.

Growing up in South Africa may well have made her especially wary of indulging in optimism about the future. Even when she produces an ostensibly cheerful image of *The Turkish Schoolgirls*, anxiety cannot be dispelled.



"The helplessness of infants is vividly conveyed": *Birthmarks*, a 1990 pastel by Marlene Dumas

They look happy enough, standing in a row and smiling as if for an invisible photographer. But Dumas's insistence on depriving the pictures of everything except subdued blues, greys and blacks gives it a funereal air. The girls begin to resemble refugees, lined up in readiness for a journey to a destination which could easily rob them of their composure.

In recent years, the plight of the children inhabiting her work has intensified. *The Window*, tersely painted with thin, vertical strokes of the brush, focuses on the simplified figure of a long-haired girl in a night-dress. Leaning her thin arms on the window's sides, she stares out into a darkness as complete as the nocturnal view in Matisse's haunting *Open Window, Collioure* of 1914.

Unlike Matisse, though, Dumas never allows herself to convey unqualified delight. She is closer to Munch in her feeling for the isolation of the individual, nowhere more strikingly than in the large, horizontal canvas entitled *The Particularity of Nakedness*. Instead of showing a female odalisque recumbent in the foreground, she turns the tables on convention by painting a male nude lying next to a stretch of water.

With one armpit brazenly exposed, he turns to smile at us like a lover proffering an invitation. But the starkness of his surroundings conveys a Munch-like chill even here. While Dumas relishes the sensual promise inherent in the man's waiting body, she cannot prevent herself from making us conscious of loneliness.

The unease is at its most overt in some small paintings of children. Painted over the past year, some of them show naked girls symbolising Justice or Liberty. Savagely ironic, they suggest that Dumas is growing more indignant as she approaches middle age.

The figure in *Liberty* looks more like a slave than an embodiment of emancipation. And in *Straitjacket*, another girl stands trussed and powerless before a chillingly institutional curtain. She is the quintessence of captivity, and nothing in the rest of this disenchanted exhibition indicates that adulthood will bring freedom in its wake.

● Marlene Dumas *at the ICA, Nash House, The Mall, London SW1 (071-930 3647), daily 12-7.30pm (Tues 12-9pm) until September 19. Day membership of the ICA costs £1.50.*

GALLERIES: CRITIC'S CHOICE

● **LETTERS INTO WORDS:** The variety of style and approach in contemporary British carved lettering and calligraphy would no doubt amaze any but the lettering freak. About the only name the non-specialist could produce, David Kindersley, is here, finely carrying on the Eric Gill tradition, and so is Ralph Beyer, another pupil of Gill. But there are others, *such as Gaynor Goffe, whose* calligraphy is often an almost abstract decorative pattern, and there are concrete poets, such as Helen Mary Skelton, who use slate carving as their medium rather than ink on paper.
The Gallery, 28 Cork Street, W1 (071-287 8408) Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, until September 11.

● **HAMADA CHIMEI:** In Japan, Hamada is accepted as a leading print-maker despite his use of Western graphic media, etching and aquatint, and his far-from traditional subject-matter. He concentrates mostly on the darker side of life in war and peace, working in strongly expressionistic style. But there is also humour in his work, as witnessed by some of the small sculptures he has made in preparation for his prints. Also, a display of contemporary Noh masks by Kagita Geiun.
British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-636 1555) Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sunday 2.30-6pm, until September 26.

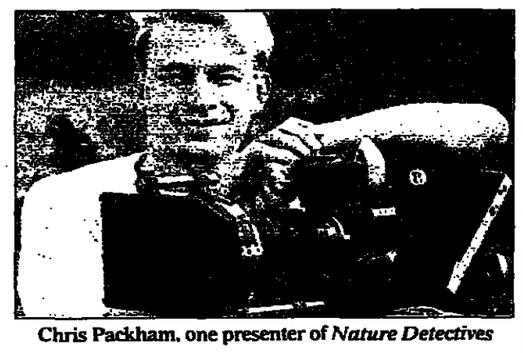
● **FESTIVAL OF CATS:** Cat-haters would obviously not feel at ease with some 250 images of cats, but the armies of cat-lovers should be in their element. Some of Louis Wain's wilder images might reinforce the doubts of sceptics, but the three contemporary artists whose work accompanies that of the master, Lesley Anne Ivory, Liz Underhill and Dede Moser, all specialise, without undue sentimentality, in cats to coo over.
Chris Beetles, 8 & 10 Ryder Street, SW1 (071-839 7551) Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, until September 4.

● **DYNAMIC TOYS:** If they are regarded as art, they are kinetic art. As toys, they are simply mechanical. This does not necessarily mean high tech: on the contrary, many need no more than a couple of elastic bands. This touring exhibition includes wind-up and hand-operated antique toys from museums, exotic toys from India, Indonesia, Mexico and Portugal, and brand-new toys commissioned *from contemporary British crafts*people. There are also some enormous, hands-on, see-how-they-work versions made by Robert Race.
Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, E2 (081-981 0711) Mon-Thurs, Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2.30-5.50pm, until September 19.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Life is not so much wild as crazy

TELEVISION: **Lynne Truss** on a new and different wildlife series



Chris Packham, one presenter of *Nature Detectives*

Tufty is a pine marten, but quite an ordinary one. He looks like a stoat, with a cute face and whiskers, short legs and long undulating body; and he is partial to a peanut-butter *sandwich, so long as it's made* with wholemeal. What makes him unusual is that he's got a tame Scottish woman. Really.

In last night's first instalment of the new series **Nature Detectives** (BBC1), wildlife cameras took us right inside her natural habitat (a house, in the Highlands) and showed her at night-time laying out food, and then opening the windows and leaning back with a book, completely oblivious to the filming. Meanwhile Tufty and his mates trotted photogenically across the carpet, one by one, to a shallow bowl of mixed nuts in the foreground, occasionally winking at the lens as if to say, "Did you get her?".

At least I think that's what was going on. *Nature Detectives* was so hip and experimental and topsy-turvy, I wouldn't have been surprised to discover that pine martens had directed and produced the show as well, and sold it to the BBC for an enormous jar of Sun-Pat.

The idea is that members of the public take their wildlife stories to BBC Bristol, which then makes jaunty little items about them, by means of a perky young presenter and some specialist camera-operators. Which sounds a straight*forward enough inversion* — making the public the stars — but alas, it has run out of control already.

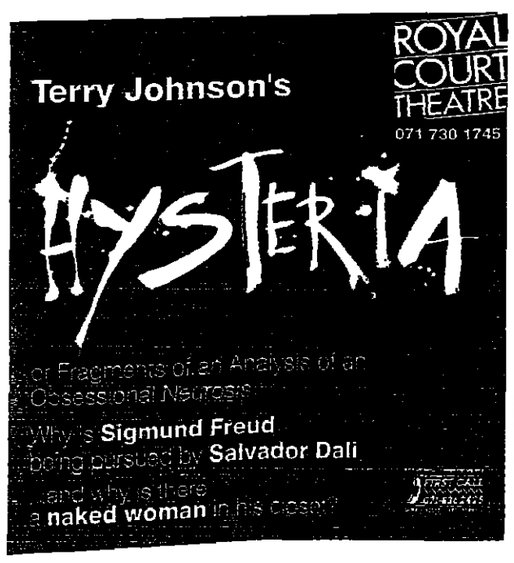
According to the Scottish woman, the splendid collective noun for pine martens is a "richesse". Likewise, perhaps, the term for *Nature Detectives* presenters is a "superfluity". "Who the hell *are you*?" I cried aloud, as a quite unnecessary Ulsterman in a flat cap started telling me about crayfish. "What happened to the chirpy woman in the leggings, and the bleach-blond in the white T-shirt? How many more have you got back there? This is only a half-hour programme, you know. Or is it an audition for *Blue Peter*?"

What had thrown me, to start with, was the appallingly self-conscious opening sequence in which Chris Packham (the blond) spoke several introductory sentences, one after another, each from a startling*ly different location, and each* conceived by some loony director as a complex split-second walking-shot entailing the camera dollying smartly from right to left, so that when Chris reached the camera he disappeared past its right ear. Good grief. Exactly the same shot, *over and over. Give a camera* to a pine marten, and see what happens.

Compared with such tricks, the nature-red-in-tooth-and-claw bits were relatively relaxing. Last night, the topics were: peregrine falcons nesting *high on the side of a* cooling tower (in a nesting box); crayfish feeding after dark (and under water); the *pine martens* (the Tufty club); blue-tits hatching; and deathwatch beetle lured to their deaths by an electronic mating cry.

Strangely enough, the crayfish were the stars — filmed in murky silent black and white at the bottom of a pond, their ghostly outlines scuttled into view (lured by a bit of fish), waving eyebrows and mandibles, and bouncing each other out of the way. "There's a mounting sense of excitement watching this," said the presenter, and he was right.

It was dramatic: you could almost imagine the hubbub of *dialogue. "That's my mandi*ble, you oaf!" "Call that a mandible! I've seen more fat on a chip!" "Step outside and say that!" and so on. Not a "richesse" or an "exaltation", then; but "a riot of crayfish" sounds just about right.



PROMS: Anguish in abundance

Spiritual sounds

The German composer Bernd Alois Zimmermann is best known, if at all, in this country for the fierce anti-militaristic polemic of his opera *Die Soldaten* (The Soldiers), even though that late-Fifties masterpiece has yet to be staged in London.

Rapidly acquiring a reputation too, however, is Zimmermann's Trumpet Concerto, dating from 1954, entitled *Nobody knows de trouble I see.* Two recordings have recently emerged, and at Wednesday's Prom the Swedish trumpeter **Hakan Hardenberger** gave its British premiere in one of the most fascinating programmes of the season.

The spiritual of the concerto's title is ever-present, from the tentative falling sixth of the trumpet's initial entry to the *full statement, interspersed* with mini-cadenzas, in the coda: it is the work's conceptual nucleus. In a telling juxtaposition of modes, Zimmermann fuses spiritual with radical Fifties' serialism and bebop, creating a deeply felt protest at racial hatred that is as poignant today as when it was written.

Even with **Robert Ziegler's Matrix Ensemble**, a group whose expertise in works both avant-garde and jazz-influenced is self-recommending in this concerto, there was more than an element of sobriety in this performance. The atmospheric opening was chillingly uncanny (rather than jazzy), and even the frenetically Expressionistic climax was held in check.

Hardenberger's consummate technique and musicianship was a joy to behold. It ensured that there was not an ugly note or a poorly executed phrase to be heard.

The theme of anti-racist protest was aptly continued in *Cry, the Beloved Country*, a concert sequence devised by David Drew from Kurt Weill's "musical tragedy" *Lost in the Stars*. The vast spaces of the Albert Hall, combined with a curiously uncommunicative narration by **Janet Suzman**, dissipated some of the dramatic effect (radio listeners probably fared better), and even **Cynthia Clarey** failed to bring the house down with "Big Mole", as she did at the Almeida three years ago, when the sequence was first heard in this country.

The excellent choirs of the **BBC Singers** and the **London Adventist Chorale** (white and black respectively) offered a striking multi-racial commentary, the bitterness of their indignation especially hard-*hitting in "Train to Johan*nesburg".

Clarey was joined by **Janis Kelly** and others for a lively performance of Weill's *Mahagonny-Songspiel*, and by **Jake Gardner** for an almost persuasive one of the *Afrika-Songs* by Weill's contemporary Wilhelm Grosz. Grosz's textures are softer-hued, more smoochy than Weill's, but made an effective contrast to the pungency of *Mahagonny*.

More anguish, no less heartfelt, at the late Prom, in a selection from Monteverdi's doleful Sixth Book of Madrigals. Affecting, elegantly turned performances, complete with expressive dissonances and romantic sighs in "Zefiro torna", from the ever-reliable **Consort of Musicke** under **Anthony Rooley**.

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Pippa Wielgos

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

A SCOTS QUAIR: Glasgow's TAG Theatre dramatises the three parts of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's trilogy, telling the story of Chris Guthrie's journey from life on a remote farm to marriage and politics during the Depression.
Assembly Hall, The Mound. *Sunset Song* Today, 7.30pm, *Cloud Howe* Mon, 7.30pm. *Grey Granite*, Tue, 7.30pm. All three parts performed next Saturday, 1pm, 4.30pm and 8pm. Festival box office: 031-225 5756▣

DR FAUSTUS LIGHTS THE LIGHTS: Gertrude Stein's quirky retelling of the Faust legend. Directed by the American Robert Wilson and performed by the Hebbel Theater, Berlin, in English. See review, this page.
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay Street. Tonight and tomorrow. Festival box office as before.

PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA: Leonard Slatkin conducts a triple-bill of work by Haydn (Symphony No 94 in G, "Surprise"), Dvořák (Symphony No 9 in D Minor, "From the New World") and recent works by the Scottish composer James MacMillan.
Usher Hall, Clerk Street. Tonight, 8pm. 5756▣ Festival box office as before.

TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH STORYTELLING: In this series of stories the many voices of Scotland are expressed in tales of mythic events of *mischief and fantasy. Told by some of* Scotland's finest storytellers, they promise an entertaining and enthralling perspective into the history of the various Scottish peoples, recited in the newly restored Glasite Meeting House.
The Glasite Meeting House, Barony Street. Today-Sept 4, 10pm. Festival box office as before.

EDINBURGH FRINGE

THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY. The Absolutely Banana Theatre Company's new adaptation of Oscar Wilde's play recreates the gothic melodrama of the novel through stylised performance, film and music. Two actors juggle character and plot, the novel's fictional tale of internal degradation colliding with the true history of Oscar Wilde. The result creates a bizarre world which mixes fiction and reality.
C-Venue 19, Princes Street. Today, 3.45pm. (031-332 4506).

WHO KILLED TCHAIKOVSKY. Level Five Theatre Company presents a new play commemorating the 100th anniversary of the composer's death, an attempt to unravel the mystery surrounding the event based on the most recent information to have emerged from Russia.
Festival Club, 9-5 Chambers Street (031-650 2395). Tonight-Sat, 8.05pm.

ELSEWHERE

LONDON: The Cenci. Shelley's only stage play, deals with patriarchal tyranny and murder in 16th-century Italy. Here revived for the Shelley bicentenary.
Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith (081-741 2311) Mon to Sat 7.30pm, mats Sat 2.30pm. Till Sept 11.

LONDON. In tonight's **Prom** — one of the season's highlights — the BBC Symphony Orchestra gives the British premiere of the Symphony No 4 by Witold Lutosławski, conducted by the composer. Pre-prom talk, 6.15pm.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-589 8212), 7.30pm▣

LONDON: Street Scene. Kurt Weill's portrait of New York street life, captures the tensions and aspirations of a migrant community in music influenced by jazz and jitterbug. Revived by English National Opera.
London Coliseum. Tonight and Thurs, 7.30pm.

BRISTOL: Julia Foster and Derek Griffiths in **The Rise and Fall of Little Voice**, with Helen Sheals as the songbird chirping for freedom.
Theatre Royal, King Street. (0272-250250)▣ Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat.

CHELMSFORD: Montserrat Caballe sings her favourite arias with the Tchaikovsky Festival Orchestra and Chorus.
Hylands Park. (0245-495028). Today, 8pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
▣ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **CITY OF ANGELS:** A top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit and ingenuity, set in Los Angeles and the world of the private-eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

■ **GREASE:** Energetic, well-danced and extremely noisy revival taking a nostalgic look at the not-so-innocent 1950s. Skimpy story of teenage love, but the tunes, including the hits "Summer Nights" and "You're the One That I Want" are catchy. Craig McLachlan stars in the lead role first played over here, decades ago, by Richard Gere.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **A GOING CONCERN:** James Clyde, Reece Dinsdale, Adam Godley represent the youngest of three generations working for an ailing billiards-table business. This is Stephen Jeffreys' new comedy, and will be directed by Matthew Lloyd.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Previews from Thurs 8pm. Opens Sept 8, 7pm. Then Mon to Sat 8pm. Mat Sat 4pm.

☐ **HAIR:** The Age of Aquarius dawns again. Another Sixties revival, this time of the musical that let it all hang out and celebrated the abolition of stage censorship. Michael Bogdanov directs, and is said to have radically revised the show, in keeping with the spirit of the 1990s.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Previews from tonight, 7.45pm. Opens Sept 14, 7pm. Mon to Sat 7.45pm. Mats Fri and Sat 4pm.

HYSTERIA: Latest surreal comedy from Terry Johnson, with Henry Goodman and Tim Potter playing Freud and Salvador Dalí. Said to be distantly based on a real-life encounter.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1, (071-730-1745). Previews from tonight 8pm. Opens Wed 8pm. Then Mon to Sat 8pm. Mats Sat (from Sept 4) 4pm.

☐ **RACING DEMON:** Revival of David Hare's bracing drama on the modern Church of England, again with Michael Bryant, Richard Pasco and the excellent Oliver Ford Davies. Later in the month to be joined by **Murmuring Judges** and the last of the trilogy, **The Absence of War**.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928-2252). Previews from Thurs 7.15pm. Then in repertoire. Opens, with the other two plays, Oct 2: 10.30am.

☐ **MOONLIGHT:** Ian Holm, Anna Massey, Edward de Souza head a strong cast in Pinter's first full-length play for 15 years.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1. (071-359-4404). Previews from Thurs 8pm. Opens Sept 7, 7pm. Then Mon to Fri 8pm. Sat 8pm. Mat Sat 4pm. Till October 30.

☐ **PRESENT LAUGHTER:** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role which the author himself described as "a mixture of self-exposure and self-celebration".
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

■ **SWEENEY TODD:** Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical version of the story about the "Demon Barber of Fleet Street". With Alun Armstrong, Julia McKenzie.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 7.30pm, and 7.30pm Mon-Wednesday, mats, mats Sat 2pm. 180mins ▣

☐ **THE TAMING OF THE SHREW.** Bill Alexander's lively and continually surprising production of this familiar, yet provoking play.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) ▣. Today & Mon and Tues, 7.15pm, mats Sat, 2pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Tonight, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins. ▣

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317)... ▣ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072)... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ▣ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037)... ▣ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909)... ▣ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400)... ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443)... ☐ **On The Piste:** Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400)... ▣ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665)... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119)... ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BENNY'S VIDEO. Excellent, chilling study of one adolescent's warped life, from German director Michael Haneke.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647)

IN THE LINE OF FIRE (15). Secret Service agent Clint Eastwood fights John Malkovich's psychopath and his own guilt. Sturdy thriller, directed by Wolfgang Petersen.
Odeon Leicester Square (0426-915 683)

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING (PG): Fast-food Shakespeare from Kenneth Branagh, with rollicking actors, clearly-spoken verse, but little film finesse. Emma Thompson, Denzel Washington, Michael Keaton.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366)

THE NIGHT WE NEVER MET (15): Romantic mix-ups in a time-shared New York apartment. Endearing comedy with Matthew Broderick, Annabella Sciorra, Kevin Anderson.
Odeon Haymarket (0426-915 353)

PERFORMANCE (18): Nicolas Roeg and Donald Cammell's trailblazing psychodrama, filmed in 1968, still looks exciting. James Fox, Mick Jagger.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

LE SAMOURAI (PG): Downfall of an icy hired killer (Alain Delon). Jean-Pierre Melville's superb, stylised gangster drama of 1967.
Lumiere (071-836 0691)

CURRENT

APRES L'AMOUR (15). French love tangles, carefully unravelled by director Diane Kurys and an excellent cast, including Isabelle Huppert, Hippolyte Girardot, Bernard Giraudeau.
Curzon Mayfair (071-499 3737)

◆ **BARAKA** (PG): A perfect coffee table book of a film, surveying the world's miseries and wonders from Kuwait to Kathmandu. Director-photographer, Ron Frick.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

CHAIN OF DESIRE (18): Smart sexual escapades across New York, inspired by *La Ronde*. Temistocles Lopez directs a choice cast: Linda Fiorentino, Seymour Cassel, Assumpta Serna, Elias Koteas.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

EL MARIACHI (15): Musician and hitman get confused in a Mexican border town. Enjoyable no-budget action romp from a promising new talent, Robert Rodriguez.
Odeon Kensington (0426-914 666) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

◆ **HOT SHOTS! PART DEUX** (12): Yet another wearisome spoof of the *Rambo* school, with Charlie Sheen, Lloyd Bridges and Valeria Golino. Directed by Jim Abrahams.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **Odeon West End** (0426-915 574) **Whiteleys** (071-792 3303)

LAWS OF GRAVITY (18). A film about the lives of petty thieves on Brooklyn's mean streets. This is a first feature from the writer-director Nick Gomez. Plus Tim Pope's teasing short *Phone*.
Gate Notting Hill (071-727 4043).

LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG): Welcome revival of Marcel Carné and Jacques Prévert's classic — a triumphant blend of 19th-century stage history, fantasy and romance. With Arletty, Jean-Louis Barrault, Pierre Brasseur.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

THE VANISHING (12): Forget Hollywood's remake: see this splendid Dutch version of George Sluizer's tale about the disappearing girlfriend. With Bernard-Pierre Donnadieu, Johanna ter Steege.
Metro (071-437 0757).

EDINBURGH: Martin Hoyle on two mystifying theatre productions; plus music

Beautifully drilled puzzle pieces

Doctor Faustus Lights the Lights
Royal Lyceum

GERTRUDE STEIN conceived these variations on a Faustian theme as a libretto for Lord Berners, immortalised by Nancy Mitford as the eccentric Lord Merlin. One can only speculate whether collaboration with the quirky composer, with his gift for deadpan parody (our most po-faced national paper even abjured its readers to avoid his music in this year's Proms) would have produced a work to rival the Walton-Sitwell *Façade*. Probably not, for reasons literary as much as musical.

Although both Stein and Edith Sitwell delighted in the sheer pattern and sound of words, the English poet went for lush richness, clusters of linguistic grapes from the hot-house. Whereas Stein was the first minimalist, repeating, re-ordering, re-inflecting word groups. Something of her evocative angularity comes through in this visually enchanting, beautifully drilled and sometimes mystifying production from the Hebbel Theater, Berlin.

The American, Robert Wilson, is the latest of the impressive line-up of international theatre directors collected at Edinburgh this year. His gift for vivid theatricality stands the test of occasional abstruseness — a dour cry of "rubbish!" from the audience showed the natives present were more restive than festive: not raving, but frowning, to echo another lady poet.

The stage pictures are unfailingly striking: clean contrasts between a black foreground and doorways opening on to a limitless, dazzling horizon. The effect is hallucinatory, but not dream-like: a difference lies in the almost mechanical movements of the cast — and, of course, the subtly varied tape-loop of Stein's language.

The plot, for what it's worth, should be either recounted fully or firmly ignored. Suffice it to say that Faustus has invented the electric light; that he bandies words with a Mephisto in red (Heiko Senst, wistful, clown-like) and a Mephisto in black (saturnine Florian Fitz). The main female character combines Goethe with modernity by being called "Marguerite Ida and Helena Annabel" (all one name).

TOM KIDD



Martin Vogel (left) as a sickle-wielding country woman, eight feet tall

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A country woman brandishing a sickle takes on connotations perhaps symbolic or merely mischievous when played by a man in a Victorian dress, on lifts that raise his height to eight feet. There is a dog, played by a young woman in a man's suit and tie, and a boy — a young actor in shorts who bears a disconcerting resemblance to the Queen's youngest son.

The company performs in excellent English, and some idea of the work's original operatic aspirations can be gained from the occasional song. Hans-Peter Kuhn, a frequent collaborator with Wilson and the creator of a music-space installation in an empty office block in Islington last year, is not afraid of the odd (or even normal) tune; and never topples into the dread, dead throb of minimalism proper.

The show is puzzling, irritating, funny and a pleasure to the eye. Even its detractors must admire the superb professionalism. Bouquets all round to the Berliners for such polish in a strange house, from lighting designer, Heinrich Brunke to assistant technical director, Carsten Wank. I think I heard his name called, too: generous, perceptive Edinburgh.

Unhappy families

The Ugly Man
Traverse

AT LAST year's Edinburgh Festival the Canadian company One Yellow Rabbit made a haunting impact with *Serpent Kills*, a stylised, very physical retelling of a real-life crime story. Later that year a Canadian playwright, Brad Fraser, scored a thrilling success in the Traverse season with *Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love*, since seen in London.

Collaboration between these talents from Alberta was a consummation devoutly to be wished. Now the alliance has been made, but if not sterile the offspring is sickly, trivial and disappointing.

The prosperous ranch-owner Sabina hires a mysterious itinerant worker with a hideously disfigured face. Sabina's daughter, engaged to the eligible but dull Acker, recoils with the sort of loathing that in theatrical terms signals secret attraction. Meanwhile the bridegroom's brother, Leslie, arrives from out east with his boyfriend, the complacently comely Cole. One look at Cole, and Veronica is consumed with *amour fou*, has commissioned the despised handyman to dispose of her redundant fiancé, and has plunged this paper's readers into the second updating of the Jacobean horror tragedy *The Changeling* to be reviewed in two months.

The Canadian company uses it to satirise the conventions of steamy soap sagas. Sabina is the Joan Collins, or at least Barbara Stanwyck, part, and Denise Clarke (the company's choreographer) strides around in tight, simulated-leopardskin pants, contorting herself into the angular Angst associated with businesswomen who suppress their emotions.

The spoilt Veronica (Lindsay Burns), obviously ripe for fulfilment, languidly accepts the fondling attentions of her maid Lottie (Kate Newby, in Annie Oakley gear complete with fringed buckskin). From Tennessee Williams comes the oppressive heat in which characters perspire, fantasy blossoms and lust ripens.

Having established a spoof Gothic framework, the author fills it with nothing that could not be done better in an undergraduate revue. It may be amusing once to see the ghost of the murdered Acker wander on hoarsely demanding revenge only to be snubbed by his unimpressed killer; the joke becomes wearisome after half a dozen repetitions.

Blake Brooker's direction fails to disguise the fact that this movement-based company is ill at ease in the normal conventions of theatre. As the disfigured Forest, Christopher Hunt is oddly reticent: a cuddly bear in dungarees with a natty make-up scar. And as Leslie, Michael Green is naff beyond the call of lovelorn inversion.

MUSIC: A James MacMillan double-bill

Faithful to the last note

Busqueda
Visitatio Sepulchri
King's

WHEN James MacMillan composes as a response to a specific event, the result convinces. But when he composes only as a response to a commission, or as an expression of his Catholicism, these days he often does neither. The contrast was starkly made on Wednesday, when his *Busqueda* of 1988 collided with his *Visitatio Sepulchri* of 1992.

Busqueda combines eloquent but simple poems by the Mothers of the Disappeared, those victims of Galtieri's despotic rule in Argentina, with the words of the Mass, expressing MacMillan's interest in liberation theology but, more to the point, also in the human agonies of oppression and loss. The score is vivid, busy, devastatingly atmospheric, owing as much to Latin-American sounds as to MacMillan's concentrated manner.

If this work speaks of a composer conscious of the need to say something of universal significance, *Visitatio Sepulchri* is its opposite. MacMillan's purpose in making a drama out of a 14th-century Easter liturgical drama eluded me. The opening, wordless act is fine — vigorous, rhythmic and atmospheric music conveying the violence of the Crucifixion. But when words brought ideas more specific, MacMillan seemed to be ramming his beliefs down our throats, and the music began to ramble. There was now an almost manic zeal, crowned by a cheaply glorious conclusion.

Against all that has to be set the opposing force of Francisco Negrin's ritualistic, deconstructivist staging. It was based on Aldona Cunningham's set which largely consisted of a stone platform, an altar that opens to reveal an empty fish tank, and a few chairs.

Negrin ended the work showing the three dancers (Andrew Fifield, Tom Roden, Fin Walker), half-naked before the woman was dressed by the others in black as a portrait descended from the heavens. This seemed like a gesture of irony on Negrin's part.

Ivor Bolton conducted the Scottish Chamber Orchestra confidently. In *Busqueda* the voices of Ruth Anderson, Charlotte Spink and Katie Tearle and eight actors provided an atmospheric backdrop. Juliet Stevenson was the principal narrator, and brought to the words a touching poignancy. For *Visitatio Sepuchri* the Cantor (Roger Bryson) narrated in an almost absurdly imposing Sprechstimme (MacMillan's fault, not his), while the three Angels (Rupert Oliver Forbes, Alan Oke and Stephen Richardson) and three Women (Olivia Blackburn, Christine Bunning and Tamsin Davies), sang some singularly ungrateful music with admirable determination.

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ROCK ON FRIDAY: Off the screen and into the grooves ... the Pogues post-MacGowan ... punk's dinosaurs live

Celluloid turns vinyl into gold

The soundtrack to *Sleepless In Seattle* is a huge hit in America. **Alan Jackson** on what happened when Tin Pan Alley met Hollywood





Meg Ryan and Bill Pullman in *Sleepless In Seattle*, the weepie that's a hit at the box office and in the charts, which is good news for singer Celine Dion (above right)

Jimmy Durante (born 1893, died 1980) is sitting on top of the American album charts this week, his rendition of "As Time Goes By" holding at bay the latest releases by U2, Janet Jackson, UB40 and hot newcomers Cypress Hill and Stone Temple Pilots. Admittedly, he's got company. Louis Armstrong is up there with him too. And Nat "King" Cole. And Tammy Wynette. And Harry Connick Jr, Carly Simon, Joe Cocker, Dr John with Rickie Lee Jones and, most bizarre of all, the old singing cowboy himself, Gene Autry. Strange bedfellows indeed.

The common denominator behind this mismatched bunch of oldsters, left-fielders and commercial dead ducks is their musical inclusion in the phenomenally successful Nora Ephron weepie *Sleepless In Seattle*, starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. A film so unashamedly old-fashioned it features archive footage of Deborah Kerr, it has provoked the over-40s to return to the cinema in their pension-planning, cholesterol-watching droves.

This has shocked everyone, not least those of the aforementioned artists who are fortunate enough — unlike Durante, Armstrong and Cole — to be around still, and with accountants or managers keen to collect the royalties.

As this enjoyable lachrymose offering prepares to open in Britain (on September 24), Epic Records will be hoping that those who emerge blinking and teary-eyed from screenings in Portsmouth, Portree and all points in between will, like their American counterparts, go in immediate search of the accompanying album or CD. As marketers of its soundtrack, Epic Records (a Sony company, as is Columbia Tri-Star which distributes *Sleepless In Seattle*) is lucky enough to have been given access to that rarely sighted species: the sleeping music consumer. These are the men and women who, blessedly free of the dictates of fashion and peer pressure, pursue their disparate musical interests.

Christmas is normally the only season during which these one-or-two-LPs-a-year buyers can be depended upon to brave the wall-of-sound rap, hip-hop or heavy metal that banishes most middle-of-the-roaders from record stores as effectively as an age policy enforced at the door. At other times of the year it takes a specific promotional angle — the much-hyped "Three Tenors" concert, for example, or a current Michael Ball package promoted by a prime-time weekly television series — to get them all the way to the cash register. But a film like *Sleepless In Seattle* does the job very nicely, thank you.

Not only that, it provides record companies with a range of marketing opportunities far beyond those offered by radio, television or the press. For a start, a multi-artist soundtrack allows new acts to be promoted alongside established names to an already-receptive audience. For example, the love theme to Ephron's film is a duet of the old standard "When I Fall in Love", performed by French-Canadian Celine Dion and British newcomer Clive Griffin. Dion, a young singer with a string of French-language successes behind her, was recently helped to international recognition by an Oscar and Grammy-winning pairing with soul stalwart Peabo Bryson on the title track to Disney's *Beauty And The Beast*. Now, as a proven hit-maker, it is her turn to help the unknown Griffin.

Similarly, if a soundtrack-compiler has several candidates suitable for use at a particular juncture within a film, one cannot be surprised if he or she opts for the artist linked to their record label by a recording or publishing deal. The compiler may even choose to go through the company vaults for previously unsuccessful material that can be given a second chance through inclusion in the film. The Simon and Dr John tracks used in *Sleepless In Seattle* are three and four years old respectively, and although they fit the movie's mood exactly, neither made it to hit status unaided on previous release.

Look, too, at the unanticipated American reaction to "I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)" by Scottish duo the Proclaimers, currently in the Top Three of the singles charts nearly five years after its modest UK success. And all because actress Mary Stuart Masterson, asked by

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the director of the romantic comedy *Benny and Joon* to nominate a personal favourite for use in a non-speaking scene in which her character appeared, opted for this track, so handing brothers Craig and Charlie Reid a level of exposure beyond the scope of any record company's promotional budget.

"It seems that audiences enjoy discovering new artists, even if they are drawn in by those they already know," says Clive Farrell, head of concept TV and market research for Epic UK and mastermind behind soundtracks to, among others, Kenneth Branagh's recent *Peter's Friends*. "I think it's significant, too, that in America there isn't the same tradition of compilation albums as we have here. Soundtracks seem to operate as their equivalent, introducing listeners to names they might not otherwise hear. And you can afford to be a little adventurous in compiling them, because enjoyment of the film makes people more accepting."

Referring to the astonishing success of Arista's soundtrack to *The Bodyguard* (more than 22 million copies sold so far), Farrell highlights another commercial advantage offered by the genre: its ability to offer additional exposure to artists short of free time but with a ready consumer base. The inclusion of six new Whitney Houston tracks — including "I Will Always Love You", her biggest hit — has enhanced both her reputation and her bank balance, while leaving her with enough free time to accomplish marriage, motherhood, her screen acting debut, a world tour and, eventually, a fourth studio album. Meanwhile, the use of other Arista names such as Kenny G, Lisa Stansfield and Curtis Stigers on the album has ensured that they, too, benefit from admission to the party.

"Soundtracks are a big gamble, because the film's got to be successful in the first place," Farrell says. "And, without being too literal in your interpretation, every item of music has to fit in context: you can't just use it as a vehicle for selling a whole series of different acts.

"But in America, soundtrack albums offer a way of marketing music nationally that isn't available otherwise in such a vast territory. And, if you're very lucky, you can reap the advantages of an extremely long shelf-life: after cinema release you go to video rental, then sell-thru [VHS tapes sold cheaply in-store], then cable and TV screenings ... they can last anything from ten years to in perpetuity."

Of course, for every *South Pacific*, *The Sound Of Music*, *Saturday Night Fever* or *Sleepless In Seattle*, there are scores of soundtracks that sell only two or three thousand copies to cinematic trainspotters. But it is an expanding market: 16 titles on this week's US album listings are directly film-related, promoting everything from hardcore, X-rated rap to the standards ("Stardust", "In The Wee Small Hours Of The Morning", "Makin' Whoopee")-that accompany Hanks's and Ryan's emotional ebb and flow.

And if the box-office vote can get Durante to No 1 a full 59 years after his chart debut with "Inka Dinka Doo", you can rest assured that record company executives everywhere will have taken note. The noise you can hear is that of old 78rpms being dusted off and digitally remastered.

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WITH his chronically wheezing vocals and bibulous lifestyle, Shane MacGowan had become more of a liability than an asset by the time of his retirement from the Pogues in 1991.

But as chief songwriter and singer, he still embodied, however shambolically, the very essence of the Pogues, and the idea of the group making an album without him seems strangely amiss.

It is a measure of how much the other musicians had got used to carrying their gormless frontman by the time of his departure that *Waiting For Herb* is nothing like the disaster it could have been. With all members except guitarist Philip Chevron contributing to the songwriting, and tin-whistle player Spider Stacy gingerly taking the role of lead vocalist on nine of the album's 12 new songs, the band has made optimum use of limited resources to achieve a creditable result.

But while there are faint echoes of past triumphs in the exotic, multi-cultural flavours of "Girl From The Wadi Hammamat" and "Pachinko", other songs such as "Tuesday Morning" and "Once Upon A Time" are lilting, folk-pop tunes of such conventional provenance that you could, at a push, imagine Jason Donovan singing them.

Numbers like "Haunting" and "Drunken Boat" are not short of atmosphere, but the riotous sense of mischief that was the band's calling card during the MacGowan regime has evaporated, and the dry, sensible production by Michael Brook contributes to an untypically sober mood.

Stripped of the propulsive rowdiness that informed their ramshackle masterpieces of old, this could, ironically, be the Pogues's most commercial album ever. The game isn't up yet, but the party is most definitely over.

JOHN HIATT
Perfectly Good Guitar
(A&M 540 130-2)
A MAN who has weathered severe personal trials, John Hiatt was hardly likely to be bruised by the conspicuous lack of success of Little Village, his roots-rock "supergroup" (also featuring Ry Cooder, Nick Lowe and Jim Keltner), still less by the passing of his fortieth birthday last year.

In fact, he seems to have drawn inspiration from both events, writing with renewed vigour and recruiting a new, young band with a more gung-ho attitude than that of his veteran peers.

The result is *Perfectly Good Guitar*, an album that neatly distils the vogue for rock written from an adult perspective but played with firm wrists. Coming fast out of the traps with his own "Something Wild", also recorded three years ago by Iggy Pop, Hiatt skilfully harnesses the passionate vocabulary of rock 'n' roll to the voice of experience.

The title track, for instance, is a tremendous tune that laments (rather than celebrates) the rock star tradition of wantonly destroying guitars ("There oughta be a law with no bail / Smash a guitar and you go to jail").

Like Neil Young, whose style he echoes on "Buffalo River Home", Hiatt makes no pretences about or concessions to his age or circumstances. Ever the family man, with occasionally dark thoughts on his mind and a loudish guitar in his hand, he pulls off a stunning coup with "The Wreck Of The Barbie Ferrari", a funny and disquieting story about a man who, while his wife and kids are out at church, takes a shotgun and blasts his children's collection of Barbie dolls to smithereens. It's the way he tells them.

THE SISTERS OF MERCY
Greatest Hits Volume One — A Slight Case Of Overbombing
(eastwest 4509-93579-2)
CURRENTLY on a repackaging streak, Sisters Of Mercy supremo Andrew Eldritch follows *Some Girls Wander By Mistake*, last year's compilation of early singles and rarities, with a collection of more recent hits and better-known tracks lifted from the three albums released during his band's chequered, but hardly prolific, 13-year career.

In typically high-handed fashion, Eldritch does not even acknowledge the contributions of the various line-ups over which he has presided, an insult neatly rammed home by the credit to Ofra Haza and Terri Nunn for their guest vocals on "Temple Of Love (1992)" and "Under The Gun" respectively. Nor is there much information to be gleaned about the tracks themselves, most of which have been remixed or otherwise beefed up.

"Lucretia My Reflection" is thus fitted out with an unearthly piston-like drum machine thump and "Doctor Jeep" somehow acquires an even more unnaturally wired energy. On classics like "Detonation Boulevard" and "This Corrosion", Eldritch's vainglorious, sub-Bowie drawl seeps like dark treacle into the grooves of the songs.

The post-production tweaking may tempt some hardcore fans, but this will represent better value to those on the lookout for a Sisters Of Mercy primer, an ideal introduction for the curious but so far uncommitted listener.

But where is Volume Two going to come from?

DAVID SINCLAIR

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	New Levellers	Levellers	(China)
2	Promises And Lies	UB40	(DEP International)
3	River Of Dreams	Billy Joel	(Columbia)
4	Pocket Full Of Kryptonite	Spin Doctors	(Epic)
5	Zooropa	U2	(Island)
6	Keep The Faith	Bon Jovi	(Jambco)
7	New Antmusic	Adam Ant	(Arcade)
8	Automatic For The People	R.E.M.	(Warner Brothers)
9	Emergency On Planet Earth	Jamiroquai	(Orenda)
10	Bigger, Better, Faster, More!	4 Non Blondes	(Interscope)

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NEW WAVES

The insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

To call a band a class act is to consign it to a flattering but ultimately frustrating hinterland of critical acclaim, cult status and general public indifference. Prefab Sprout come to mind, as do the Blue Nile and a number of other polished, song-orientated nearly-rans of the 1980s.

But with Donald Fagen in the album charts, Al Green returning to form and songwriting to the fore once more, perhaps space has been excavated for an elegant turn of phrase, complex harmonies, challenging chord sequence, or interwoven melodies.

"I want you in my bed instead of my mind," sing Thieves on their imminent three-track EP. These are the kind of lyrics which the unrequited can send to each other in lieu of tongue-tied telephone confessions or embarrassing love letters.

Matched by the music, which is smooth but restless, languid but tormented under its glittering surface, songs such as "Unworthy", "The Night" and "They Hide" possess a rare sophistication.

The duo — singer David McAlmont and guitarist Saul Freeman — released their first EP, "Through the Door", on Nursery Records only last year. Although the debut effort was disarming for being so beautifully crafted, Thieves have moved up to a new level with "Unworthy". Now signed to Hut, home of Verve and the Auteurs, they seem to enjoy emotional ambiguity. McAlmont's voice is particularly impressive on the wayward melodic path followed by "They Hide" — a pulse-free exploration of dark and unexpected moods.

Perhaps the cover art could have looked less like a shirt advertisement devised by a cigarette company but, at this early stage, it would be churlish to expect perfection.

DAVID TOOP

SEVEN DAYS

WHAT'S OUT, ABOUT AND COMING UP SOON

RADIO: After a lean period, **Paul Weller** is enjoying a purple patch. The brilliant Top 20 hit "Sunflower" is followed by a new single, "Wild Wood" (Go Discs) released this week. *Jam — The Paul Weller Story* (Radio 1, tomorrow, 2pm) offers a timely profile of the former Jam and Style Council supremo, who has maintained a surly presence in English pop since the heyday of punk.

BOOK: All too often, authorised biographies end up being bland hagiographies, although this is less likely to be the case when the subject is a group so wholeheartedly committed to excess and debauchery as **The Mission**. Even so, there is a simpering tone to *The Mission — Names Are For Tombstones Baby* by Martin Roach with Neil Perry (Indemp £6.99), and the impressively detailed research is let down by the authors' often risibly partisan viewpoint.

VIDEO: The pantomime pop star of the 1980s, **Adam Ant** was one of the first performers to live and die by the promotional video. Now those highwayman, pirate, Prince Charming action scenes are all available on one handy collection: *Antmusic — The Very Best Of Adam Ant* (Arcade, 75 mins), and we discover at last where Merv Hughes got the idea of painting a white stripe across his nose.

TELEVISION: *Naked City* (Channel 4, tonight, 11.05pm), the strident yoof/music programme hosted by *Times* columnist Caitlin Moran comes to the end of a colourful run with a show featuring Depeche Mode, the Cure, Beavis & Butthead, Lloyd Cole and Jimmy Somerville.

CONCERT

Heavy makes them happy

Siouxsie and the Banshees
Grand, Clapham

SIOUXSIE and the Banshees' decision to pack the Grand to its third-tier rafters prior to their appearance at the Reading festival tomorrow was a tout's dream, and the long line of ticketless punters outside bore testimony to the group's enduring popularity.

Dressed as if attending a fancy-dress party that couldn't decide whether its theme was ancient Egypt or Hallowe'en, Siouxsie Sioux swirled her long skirt, rolled her painted eyes and waved her hands in a manner she fancied to be icily hypnotic. It wasn't, but the bottle-black crowd was suitably entranced.

Siouxsie's voice has improved from the undisciplined yet compelling yelp that was her trademark in the late 1970s. Although it remains an intriguingly untutored instrument, her mid-range caw now boasts an assortment of tones and shades which she weaves intricately into the group's densely chorused live sound.

Despite opening bravely with a clutch of new songs, Siouxsie promised that "you'll be getting a few hauntings from the past too", and although we were certainly haunted this was far from a greatest hits set. "Peek-a-boo" briefly appeared, as if to represent the group's tempestuous relationship with the singles chart, before the set lunged back into the dirges for which the band is best-known.

The four-piece, driven by Steve Severin's mesmerically pulsing bass lines, was augmented by a keyboard player who occasionally assumed the position and sawed grimly at a post-modern cello.

Siouxsie's limited but effective image bank continues to serve her well: the grotesque circus; the toyshop come to life; mysterious goings on at the mardi gras and the general spookiness of cats were regularly mined themes of inspiration.

"Israel", the crowd-pleasing encore, was worth the price of admission alone. Precisely what the song's confusing array of religious and historical imagery pertains to is anyone's guess, but it struck a chord with the loyal goth gathering.

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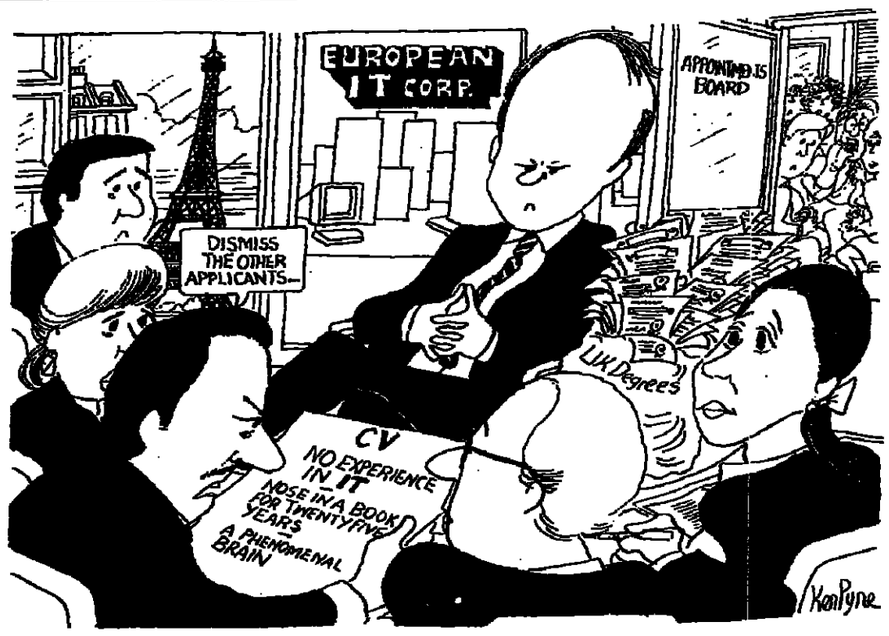
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Getting into the EC – by degrees

What you've been taught, not what you've done, could be the key to a job, says David Guest



Finding a job in the European Community could soon depend on formal qualifications, encumbrances that have rarely troubled information technology specialists in the past.

For most IT workers, the only qualification necessary in Britain is the degree that provides their passport into the industry. Thereafter, the entries on their curriculum vitae become their testimonial.

The EC urge to harmonise standards and the changing needs of a volatile industry may consign this informality to history.

The free movement of labour is one of the aims of the single European market, and the achievements of freely moving labour will need to be evaluated consistently across Europe if employers are to know what the CV of a potential recruit offers.

The EC itself certainly takes this view. It has issued a directive which covers the transferability and equivalence of skills. The "second general directive on mutual recognition of vocational training qualifications" is due to be implemented by the middle of next year, with the aim of ensuring consistency in the description of qualifications acquired by individuals in member states.

There are several factors which could make pan-European IT qualifications desirable for employers. For a start, technical skills alone are no longer as highly prized as they once were. Business aptitude is a regular requirement, and this is less easily represented on a CV.

These days, too, far fewer IT users buy equipment from a single manufacturer only. When they did, it was often the largest manufacturers that provided the training, thus helping to ensure a consistency of standards from one country to another.

In addition, customers are now far more likely to insist on training that meets their business requirements than accept training determined by a manufacturer's particular technology.

Finally, the number of international IT projects in progress in Europe, involving different systems in different countries, is growing fast.

"In principle, formal qualifications are an excellent idea," says Jim Wilson, a principal consultant for the German firm Siemens-Nixdorf. "But for them to be truly worthwhile, there would have to be enough people holding them and enough acceptance of them within the industry.

"We must be careful to avoid two-tier qualifications — new ones sanctioned by the profession and old ones awarded by the education system."

Both approaches are being pursued. Through the IT Industry Training Organisation (IT ITO), vocational qualifications known as NVQs have been prepared and are being offered in two assessment centres — at ICL and at British Steel in Rotherham, South Yorkshire. They will also be tested in Portugal, Greece and Ireland as part of an EC pilot project.

"An NVQ is just a stylised description of an activity," says Gordon Ewan, director of the organisation. In simple terms, it measures competence, whereas conventional examination-based qualifications measure retention of knowledge. "We are trying to arrest the near-terminal decline, over 150 years, of vocational training," Mr Ewan adds.

Groups of computer companies are also working with universities towards internationally recognised academic qualifications.

"We are trying to work towards an international qualification," says Nick Williams, director of training services at Oracle, the database supplier. "We are looking for a core curriculum for tertiary education that might be cut and pasted into existing courses."

The first indications of the type of work that will be involved comes from DEC Learning Services, which has provided the first two courses in Britain to be officially accredited by the IT ITO. Both come from an education programme launched earlier this year in response to the increasing variety of equipment in use at single companies, where "open systems" technology is needed to make sure they can all work together.

"Nowadays, a site might have equipment from Hewlett-Packard, IBM and Digital," says Chris Beaumont, a Digital manager, "and there is pressure on people to understand the different technical environments. You might get your skills from each manufacturer, but that involves time and cost, and it does nothing for making the systems work together."

The extent of the challenge facing the standards setters corresponds to the degree of indifference shown by IT specialists towards formal qualifications. The ITO estimates that £300 million is spent annually on IT training, but only about 5 per cent is ever properly evaluated. There is no commonly accepted measure of professional IT achievement.

The advantage that British IT specialists without formal qualifications hold as a result of having English as their first language is growing. For example, Cap Gemini Sogeti, the French software and services company, has declared that English will be its working language, while the European subsidiaries of American multi-nationals also routinely use English.

The greatest resistance to the spread of English in IT may come from Germany, which is where the most interesting jobs might be found in the future, according to recent research.

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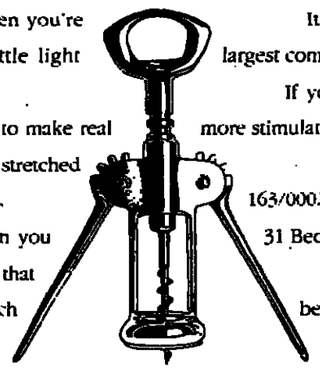
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Keep an eye on the buses

Transport firms are using high-tech tracking systems to keep their vehicles on schedule. Alan Jabez reports



JOHN POTTER

Michael Frewer, the operations director at PMT, looks on as a controller monitors the position of the company's buses

After years of being regarded as the poor relations of the public transport world, urban bus companies are finally beginning to exploit the latest developments in information technology.

An increasing number of companies are using high-tech tracking systems to keep a check on the position of their buses as they travel through the network. Different companies use different systems, but the net result is fewer delays and better information for passengers. One of the most advanced systems uses satellites, employing the same techniques that monitor the position of ships at sea.

PMT, among the biggest bus companies in the Midlands, has already equipped 100 buses in its fleet with small electronic satellite receivers. The receivers communicate with the civilian channels on American government military satellites. By receiving signals from three satellites, an accurate calculation can be made of a bus's position. This information is then stored on-board the bus and can be called up at any time by PMT's control centre.

Michael Frewer, PMT's operations director, says the company can monitor the position of each bus to within 20 to 30 metres, with its whereabouts displayed on an electronic map in the control room.

With such precise observations, the controllers can keep a much closer watch on the performance of each vehicle. For instance, if they notice vehicles bunching, they can call drivers on two-way radios and ask them either to slow down or make a quick turn-around. "Without the new technology it is very difficult to maintain a scheduled timetable within a congested city centre," Mr Frewer says.

Terrafix, the Midlands firm that developed PMT's system, offers an additional dead-reckoning system to counter the occasional problem of interference from high-rise buildings — a drawback with any satellite tracking system within city centres. Under the back-up system, sensors on board a bus monitor its speed and miles travelled from base, and then make accurate calculations about its expected position along the route.

A satellite-based tracking system is also being developed for Birmingham buses and should be operational by next summer. Elsewhere, other types of tracking are already in use. In London, Armchair Passenger Transport, a private bus company which operates two bus routes on behalf of London Transport, uses roadside tracking beacons developed by GEC Traffic.

Nine beacons have been installed along the company's number 65 route between Ealing and Kingston upon Thames. These communicate with a small electronic box on the side of each bus and enable the position of each vehicle to be monitored to within ten metres, says Huw Barrington, Armchair's assistant general manager. An automatic radio call is sent to each bus every 90 seconds, with the resulting information about the buses' whereabouts displayed on an electronic map in the control room.

Mr Barrington says that as well as ensuring tighter schedules, the system allows control staff to give the police the precise location of a bus, should the driver run into trouble from attackers or vandals.

> The result is fewer delays and better information for customers

R & I Buses in London has opted for a radio-based system developed by the specialist security company Securicor — the same system used to monitor the position of high-value commercial vehicles, emergency service vehicles and motorcycle couriers. Securicor has established a private network of radio transmitters around Britain, enabling transport operators to keep a check on the position of their vehicles to within a few metres.

According to Graham Cook, R & I's general manager, the main advantage of a radio-based system over a beacon-based one is the extra flexibility. "A fixed route beacon-based system will prove useless if you have to change your route because of a bomb scare or other diversion," he says.

By integrating the tracking technology with other on-board IT systems, bus companies can also improve fleet management in other ways. For instance, details about the number of passengers on a bus or the amount of fuel used can be transmitted to the control centre.

Tracking systems can also be used to tell passengers when their bus is due. London Transport, for example, is testing a system known as Countdown along the number 18 route between King's Cross and Sudbury. This enables passengers at certain stops to obtain information about the arrival time and destination of the next three buses along the route. The information is shown on overhead dot matrix displays, similar to the signs used at many London Underground stations.

According to Stephen Balogh, LT's Countdown project manager, 4,000 London bus stops — about a quarter of the total — could have the signs by the end of the decade. Similar intelligent bus stops are being introduced or planned for Southampton, Merseyside, Blackburn, Birmingham and Surrey.

In a related trial in London, several bus stops will be equipped with repeaters to provide the same information via a recorded voice for the blind or partially sighted. Eventually, this system could be extended so that all passengers would be able, before leaving home, to telephone a designated number to check on the times and destinations of the next few buses at any particular stop.

ONLINE

Reality at home

SILICON GRAPHICS, a big computer graphics company from America, and Nintendo, of Japan, the leading video game manufacturer, are to jointly develop a three-dimensional, virtual-reality game machine for home use. Although video game graphics have improved greatly over the past decade, they have not kept pace with computerised virtual reality.

The first product will be a coin-operated video arcade game, probably launched next year. A home version will be ready for 1995; it will be priced at under £200.

Sound standard

A EUROPEAN research project to create top-quality radio sound through digital broadcasting has been opened up to the rest of the world.

Six European nations — with Britain represented by the BBC — are already involved in the Digital Audio Broadcasting project, under the Eureka research and development programme. Now, Japanese, American and other participants from around the world will gain access to specifications for compact disc-quality broadcast sound, which European manufacturers hope to make a world standard.

Wrong number

BT's PLAN to bar all customers, except those who specifically opt in, from access to 0898 sex-line calls is to face a legal challenge. The Telephone and Entertainment Service Providers' Association claims the ban is unreasonable and an abuse of monopoly. The association says that BT's concern over the cost to customers of unauthorised use does not just apply to sex lines; other premium rate services — some aimed at children — will be unaffected by the ban.

Microsoft accused

THE US Justice Department says it is taking over from a Federal Trade Commission that has been investigating allegations of anti-trust activity by Microsoft, the giant software company.

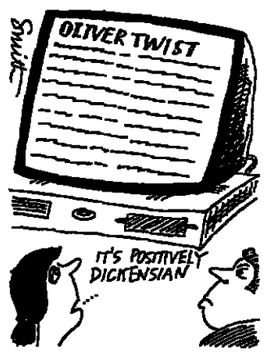
The issues being looked into include Microsoft's practice of offering discount prices on its MS-DOS operating system to personal computer makers who pay a royalty for each machine they make, closing potential markets to rivals.

Microsoft's rivals also accuse it of using hidden codes and other methods to tailor its popular Windows system for its own applications — including word processing and spreadsheets.

Trebled discs

RESEARCHERS have discovered a way to create materials that may allow computer discs to store about three times more information per square inch than is now possible.

According to scientists from IBM Adstar in California, with their new techniques, a single disc for a standard desktop terminal would be able store the



text of 10,000 300-page novels.

Based on a phenomenon discovered five years ago called "giant magneto-resistance", the new finding can change the electrical resistance of the material used for discs when placed in a magnetic field.

Screen warfare

US and South Korean forces deployed only miles from communist North Korea are taking part in the world's largest computer-simulated war game.

The exercise includes 12,000 military and civilian defence forces using high-tech computer simulations to rehearse the defense of South Korea.

The exercise, which ends on Monday, involves complex video games with computers linked via satellite to others in the United States and Germany.

Electronics experts ring the changes with dial-a-video

Technology could soon allow you to pick up the phone and select a film

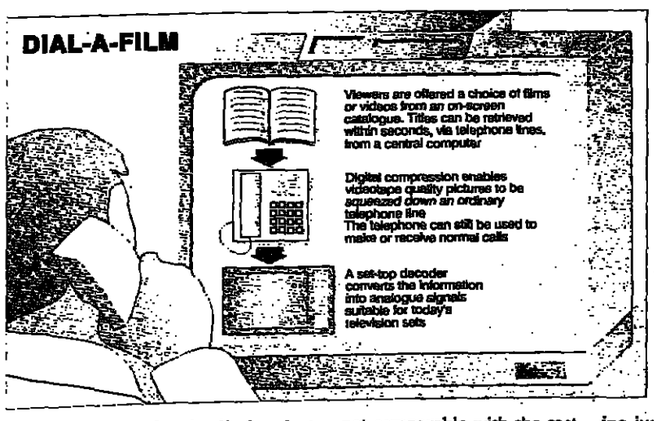
The idea of being able to dial a telephone number, make a choice from a long list of films, and have it transmitted to your television set was still science fiction only a few years ago. For a start, the experts said, existing copper wire telephone lines would never be able to cope with the vast quantity of information that would have to be sent to produce the high quality pictures capable of rivalling the quality of today's television broadcasts.

And anyway, the experts argued, who would want to have their phone line blocked from making or taking other calls while a film was being watched?



Dial-a-film is a long way from the early days of television

But within the past three years, immense progress has been made in digital compression. By selecting only limited details from each picture, it drastically reduces the amount of information that has to be sent to create a moving picture.



Philips, the Dutch electronics company, has just introduced a prototype digital decoder that will sit on top of a television set for what are described as "video on demand" services.

"Typically, hundreds of films will be stored on a telephone network server," a spokesman for the company says. "The user at home will view an on-screen catalogue of available films and select the one wanted. It will then start to play, just like on a video cassette recorder at home."

Also like a VCR, films can be paused, stopped and restarted or reversed and fast-forwarded. At the same time, it is still possible to use the telephone to make or receive calls.

Picture quality, though not up to the standard of a television broadcast, is described as similar to that of watching a videotape.

The decoder converts the digital information sent down the line into analogue signals that can then be displayed on an ordinary television set. It is initially expected to go into use in America, where several telephone companies are already experimenting with delivering television signals into the home over a telephone line.

Bell Atlantic, for example, has begun development of a video-on-demand service that it will be testing with its employees.

Philips is one of several companies racing to have products ready in case it becomes a boom market. For technical reasons, the cost of providing the telephone link between a viewer and the film "supplier" is negligible, and not comparable with the cost of a local call for 90 minutes.

The advantages of dial-a-film services over video hire shops — seen as the closest rival in terms of choice and charges — are cited as the ability to choose a film without leaving your house and, because of the way the system operates, no film should ever be "out of stock".

Services could become available, in the near future, which are able to store between 10,000 and 15,000 film or video titles; any one of which could be selected and retrieved within ten seconds.

But at the moment, these benefits would cost each user several hundred pounds for the necessary equipment, though they could perhaps be subsidised by the operators from the charges made for each film or video watched. Costs will inevitably fall if a mass market develops.

How soon dial-a-film will become available in Britain may be as much a matter of politics as technology. BT is well aware of the possibilities of dial-a-film services as a potential moneyspinner for the second half of the 1990s. But in order to give Britain's fledgeling cable television industry some protection while it gets off the ground, the government has prohibited BT from offering broadcast entertainment, such as transmitting a television channel, until 1998 at the earliest.

Whether dial-a-film would constitute "broadcasting" is a matter of considerable argument; BT contends that dial-a-film is unique to each subscriber and therefore cannot be considered a broadcast; BT emphasises that the service could equally have other uses, such as providing interactive computer games or database type services, such as video mail order catalogues.

The Cable Television Association, of course, argues that BT would be providing just the sort of entertainment service it is not allowed to. And BT may not be the best company to run such a service. Its previous attempt to provide a mass market product that linked the telephone and television was a disaster.

The text-based Prestel database is so expensive that it is used by less than 100,000 people — largely specialist users, such as travel agents. It compares poorly with the French equivalent, Minitel, which has six million customers. If, as seems likely, BT announces plans for video-on-demand before 1998, "broadcasting" may be re-defined.

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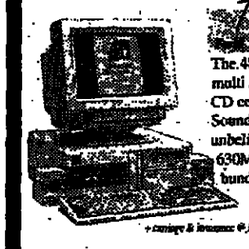
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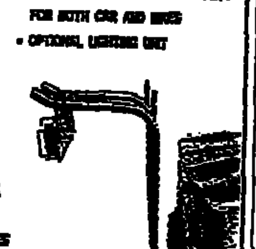
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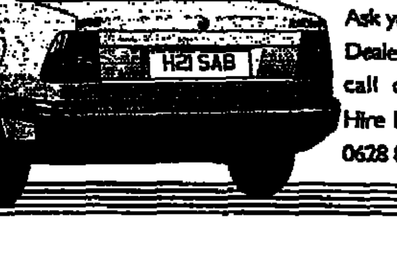
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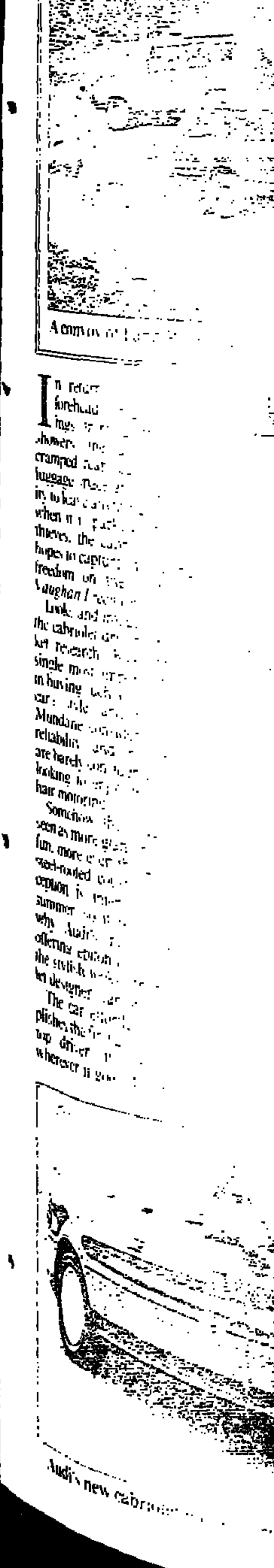
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MOTORING

Thousands of Britons take their caravans across the Channel each summer. **Vaughan Freeman** recounts his tale

Everything, plus the kitchen sink

It was as we struggled to unhitch our 20ft-long Sprite caravan so as to manhandle it through 180° on a hilly cul-de-sac, watched by half-a-dozen unhelpful but grinning mechanics at a nearby garage, that the first inkling of the problems that might lie ahead began to dawn.

Having unwarily driven into the street only hours after taking delivery of the car and caravan rig, the prospect of reversing out, since a three-point turn was about as feasible as unaided flight, brought on a cold sweat. After three efforts which resulted in the caravan swerving crazily from one side of the road to another, I unplugged the whole thing and turned it round by hand, aided by my hysterically giggling partner.

It is at times like this that you realise that if a caravan is not being abused by motorists, it is only because they are too busy laughing at you. In fact, once unhitched it is surprisingly manoeuvrable and we were able to drive off, feeling only slightly ridiculous.

Taking to the road was so full of hidden snares that our caravanning in Brittany project had almost fallen at the first hurdle.

A check call to the ferry operator four days before departure found that, although our car had been booked on board, the operator had decided there was insufficient headroom for the caravan and that it would have to stay behind. The company had, however, neglected to inform us.

A morning of frantic telephone calls resolved the problem, which meant switching the Stena Sealink sailing from our planned Southampton to Cherbourg route and going instead from Newhaven to Dieppe, thus adding an extra 100 or so miles to the French leg.

Having filled the caravan with everything from duvets to bicycle helmets, the caravanning circus of two adults and two young children took to the road. A recent survey by Autoglass found that one third of all drivers cited caravans as the most irritating vehicle on the road. Such motorists are advised to steer clear of Channel ports during the remaining summer as the approach roads are filled with little else. The industry estimates there are at least 750,000 caravans in the United Kingdom, and each year about 200,000 of them travel abroad.

> 'A three-point turn was about as feasible as unaided flight'

Apart from some worrying grating noises as the tow-hitch scraped its way on and off the ferry, the trip across posed few problems. In France there are no motorway speed restrictions for caravans — unlike Britain where they are restricted to 60mph on motorways and 50mph on rural single carriageways. Even so, the 1.8l Ford Mondeo GLX I was driving seemed happiest — as did its inexperienced driver — tootling along at about 60mph. This contributed to a surprisingly healthy 29mpg, despite the weight and barn-like aerodynamics of the caravan.

Hills required a fair run-up and often it was necessary to change down to third, even second gear. Momentum is vital and having lost it, things become slightly fraught, not helped by an almost total lack of rear vision. Pulling out into traffic requires waiting until the horizon is clear, and then starting off with the throttle on the floor. Even then, the unit only gradually meanders to cruising speed by which time the ever-present line of frustrated motorists is in formation astern.

The 250-mile run from Dieppe to our campsite at Binic, equidistant between St Malo and Roscoff on the north Brittany coast, took just under seven hours without a single problem — until the turn into the campsite. Forgetting about the mobile house behind I cut a corner, clipped a particularly aggressive kerbstone, and suddenly had a drunkenly listless caravan behind me as the right-hand side tyre collapsed. The next day was spent with various jacks as a replacement wheel was fitted and a new one bought for the trip home.

Continental Europeans take their camping and caravanning very seriously, and 30ft-long caravans drawn by space-age touring buses covered with bicycles and windsurfers, are not unusual. Even our modest caravan had fridge, shower, toilet and stove, running water and full electric lighting. Research in the UK shows that despite its down-market image, caravanners are likely to be engineers, doctors or self-employed. On the Continent, they are likely to belong to families whose head is in his forties and is earning more than £20,000 a year.

Fuel bills and autoroute fees are higher than travelling by car alone, but the attraction of caravanning or car-based camping, becomes apparent when one compares campsite fees with even the cheapest self-catering accommodation or hotel. Our site, Le Panoramic, run by Britons Diane and Lawrence Larner, charges about £12 per night for a family of four.

There are two basic elements to caravanning. The first is to realise that there is no blasting from A to B. The second is not to leave your sense of humour behind. When the man from Ford arrived to take car and caravan away, I found myself in the role of the grinning mechanic.



France imposes no motorway speed restrictions on caravans — unlike the 60mph limit in Britain

ROADWISE

Stay cool, calm and collected

AS THE year's busiest motoring bank holiday gets under way, National Breakdown, the roadside assistance organisation, warns that bad driver attitudes cost lives. Keith Basnett, a spokesman, says: "The August bank holiday weekend usually sees some of the longest jams, and shortest tempers of the year." National Breakdown highlights the ten worst driving defects to be avoided: do not drive too fast or too close; always indicate; do not pull out unexpectedly; do not hog the middle lane; do not cut across to motorway exits; take care approaching roadworks; use lights and wipers in rain and at dusk; do not use the hard-shoulder as a short-cut in jams; always secure luggage; check everyone is wearing their seat belt.

Vauxhall revs up

VAUXHALL's Calibra coupé gets V6 power for 1994 with the addition of the six-cylinder 2.5l engine to the range. The 170bhp unit is good for a top speed of 147mph in manual gearbox form but still returns a claimed average 42.8mpg. Airbags for both driver and passenger are standard, together with traction control to reduce wheelspin, anti-lock brakes and compact disc player. Prices are yet to be announced and the first cars will be delivered in October.

Heaping praise

MORE accolades this week for Ford's Mondeo saloon. It has been named by the motoring magazine *Autoexpress* as the New Car Honours Champion, as well as Best Medium Car for 1993. The Mondeo has also been named Hatchback of the Year by *Which Car?* magazine, and *What Car?* magazine's Car of the Year and Best Family Car for 1993.

Low, lower, . . .

NEWS arrives from Citröen that will do little to boost petroleum sales — the petrol-engined AX Eco is capable of 100mpg. The showroom standard AX diesel in standard guise is already capable of the magic 100mpg. The petrol version relies on super lightweight Kevlar for its low fuel consumption. Bonnet, wings, roof and doors are all of Kevlar while the car was restyled to cut aerodynamic drag. The Eco returned 104.6mpg at 56mph, 78.5mpg at a steady 75mph, and 70.6mpg in town.


Good news from AX Eco

In the vanguard

THE Astramax van was the general purpose Vauxhall that seemed to rule the third lane. Now it has been superseded by the Vauxhall Combo, based on the Astra. The Combo, if it is anything like its predecessor, and despite its 700kg payload, has a performance beyond that usually expected from the 1.4l petrol or 1.7l diesel engines that power it.

Driving lessons

TOYOTA, makers of the Landcruiser, are offering tuition courses for owners wishing to make the most of their vehicle's four-wheel drive abilities. The initiative follows the likes of Land Rover and Vauxhall in offering courses that teach environmental considerations while showing how best to enjoy the cars. Personal tuition in the customer's vehicles is £141 per day or £249 in a school car, with fees covering up to four people.

Third incarnation

BMW has moved closer to volume production of an advanced electric car with its E1, the third incarnation of what BMW believes cars of the future may be like.

The two-door, four-seat car is 3.7 metres long, and can use for propulsion a power plant which can be either all-electric, all-petrol, or a hybrid mixture of both depending on the distance and speed required. Electric power comes from a 32kw/45bhp motor giving a range of 165 miles and a top speed of 78mph, and the K1100 BMW petrol motorcycle engine provides more traditional propulsion for faster, or longer distance driving.

If only Hannibal had had a Land Rover


A convoy of Land Rovers attempt to retrace Hannibal's footsteps across the Alps — and boost sales

A 4x4 legend takes to the hills to make big in-roads into the off-road market

Figures out this week from the motor trade price "bible", *Glass's Guide To Car Values*, show that the four-wheel-drive sector in general is booming. Performing particularly well is Solihull-based Land Rover, whose production this year of Range Rovers and Discoverys is up 25 per cent, much of that going for export, *writes Vaughan Freeman.*

Such success demands that manufacturers not only develop and build cars that the public wants to buy, but promote them in a way that captures the public's imagination while demonstrating the vehicles' abilities.

Which is why last week a dozen Land Rovers were to be found climbing over the roof of the French Alps in an attempt to retrace the trail followed by Hannibal and his elephants in 218 BC.

The Hannibal Trail, though much debated, is reputed to have followed the Isère river in France, passing into Italy through what is now the skiing resort of Val-d'Isère before climbing into the French Alps and over the Mont Cenis col.

The Land Rover trip is part of a rolling programme of events and was timed to coincide with Europe's biggest and most influential showcase of off-road machinery, the annual Val-d'Isère 4x4 Show.

The show, now in its tenth year, attracts more than 50,000 visitors, many of them potential customers who are able not only to view the cars at the display stands but also take them through their paces on the mountainous passes. High above the town on the Espace Killy, more than 100 4x4 vehicles from the 14 different exhibitors traverse the one-in-two inclines, which look impassable.

Each show morning, a convoy of Range Rovers and Discoverys head for the Vanoise National Park, then switch to the mountainside. The tracks, strewn with rubble left behind by the snow, wind tightly, often making it necessary to carry out three-point turns around hairpin bends while on a 45 degree gradient, a sheer face to one side, a sheer drop on the other.

Hannibal, his 37 elephants, and an estimated 40,000 troops and 12,000 cavalry, took 15 days to cross the Alps. In the Land Rovers, it took five hours to climb 7,000 feet to the top of Mont Cenis.

It is a fearsome trip, the descent in many ways more hair-raising than the ascent, since it soon becomes necessary to put your faith in the vehicle, in my case a Discovery Tdi diesel. In the end, all made their way back into Val-d'Isère to turn the heads of four-wheel-drive fans once again.

The significance of such events becomes obvious after a glance at off-road sales figures. In 1989, 45,000 four-wheel-drive vehicles were sold in France. This year, because of the recession, there will be between 30,000 and 35,000. This pattern is being repeated in Britain and other European countries.

Land Rover has maintained its 1993 exports to France at last year's levels while UK sales are up 28 per cent so far in 1993 and sales to the lucrative North American market are up 33 per cent.

Audi captures the freedom of the roads

A new soft-top has some drawbacks, but for the driver with a sense of old-fashioned fun it is a joy

In return for sunburned foreheads, regular soakings from unpredictable showers, the discomfort of cramped rear seats, minimal luggage space and the inability to leave anything in the car when it is parked for fear of thieves, the cabriolet convert hopes to capture the feeling of freedom on the open road. *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

Looks and image are all for the cabriolet driver, and market research shows that the single most important factor in buying such a vehicle is the car's style, and then price. Mundane considerations like reliability and performance are barely considered by those looking to enjoy wind-in-the-hair motoring.

Somehow the "rag-top" is seen as more glamorous, more fun, more everything, than its steel-roofed cousin. This perception is intensified in the summer, so it is easy to see why Audi's newest topless offering epitomises for many the stylish looks other cabriolet designers can only envy.

The car effortlessly accomplishes the first goal of the soft-top driver: it turns heads wherever it goes. The temptation to wear dark glasses, turn up the music and lower the roof, even when it is gloomily overcast and threatening a downpour, is impossible to resist. Soft-tops like the Audi bring the fun factor back to modern motoring.

The Audi is strong on detail, from the beautifully-bound owner's manual to the construction of the folding roof. A single twist-and-pull handle situated in the middle of the front screen works well. Its position also means that the driver can avoid the inelegant sprawl across the width of the car to fumble with a nail-splintering catch on the passenger's side.

The hood itself folds away out of sight and flush, and is finally hidden by a covering panel. The manual procedure takes less than 60 seconds, and it can be even easier if you are prepared to pay an extra £1,491 for the electric hood.

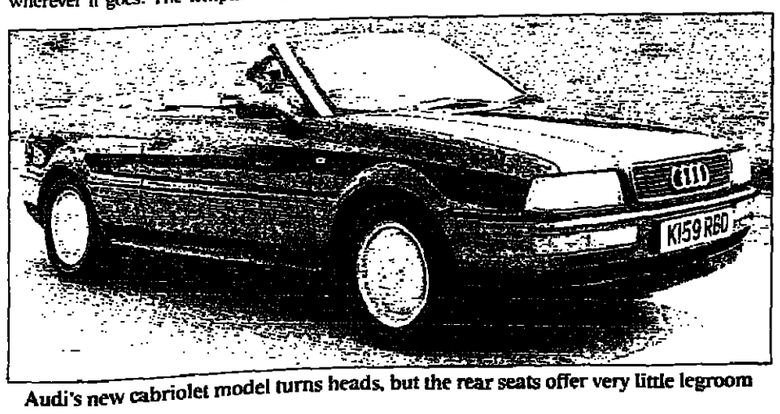
The hood takes up much of the boot space, and also, disappointingly, features a plastic rear screen. The plastic creases when folded and therefore distorts vision when driving. It also vibrates, further hampering rear vision when on the move. Rear legroom is poor, even for children, and cramped for adults. The rear bench will not even take two children's seats side by side.

If you like black and grey, you will like the Audi interior: it is sombre. Dials for oil and voltage are obscured by the gear lever, and the electric window switches mounted on the door are fiddly. With a soft-top, keeping the car secure is always a worry, but Audi help by providing a thief-proof radio cassette.

The car comes in 2.3l five-cylinder version, and a four-cylinder 2l version at £19,245. Quiet with the hood up, with it down the heater belches hot air to keep you warm on even the coldest day. A 250-mile round trip was a relaxed day's motoring, even if, with the hood down, the elements required the coat zipped up.

Driver and front passenger travel quite happily with the hood down, but passengers in the back get quite wind-battered, and conversation between front and back is almost impossible over 35mph.

These are small if — for the driver — selfish niggles. The Audi cabriolet is all about having fun. Come the snows and winds of January, it might not seem such a bright idea, but there's always next summer to look forward to.


Audi's new cabriolet model turns heads, but the rear seats offer very little legroom

ROAD TEST

ENGINE: 2.3l five-cylinder petrol: 133bhp at 5500rpm
PERFORMANCE: Top speed: 123mph; **0-60mph:** 10.8sec.
ECONOMY: In town: 23mpg; **at 56mph:** 41.5mpg; **at 75mph:** 33mpg.
PRICE: £22,199.

Colour says it all

The mood of the nation is shown by its car hues

The 1980s yuppie and his all-silver car is officially dead, new research into car colours shows. Instead, *Vaughan Freeman writes*, the sharing, caring driver of the 1990s is more likely to be seen driving cars in shades once thought capable of rendering even the most popular vehicle unsellable, such as green.

Fresh research from PHH Vehicle Management Services shows that the once "in" colours of white and silver are no longer as popular. Instead, more sombre colours are taking over as new car colours indicate the rise of the "Chewy", the motorist who is Conscientious, Hard-working and Environmentally Wise.

PHH, responsible for 500,000 company cars and commercial vehicles, reports that only 19 per cent of drivers now pick white for their new car compared with 22 per cent last year. The colour, according to Dr David Lewis, a psychologist, is associated with style and status and chosen by drivers who are viewed as reputable but rather cold, with a strong sense of duty.

Just 5 per cent of new cars are now chosen in silver livery, down slightly on last year's 6 per cent. Silver is more likely to be picked by motorists who like to be noticed, and who are style conscious but who also may be somewhat over-rigid in their outlook and rather self-righteous.

PHH reports: "This year's survey shows a steep decline in the number of white and silver vehicles, colours associated with so-called yuppie preoccupations with style, status-seeking and wanting to be noticed."

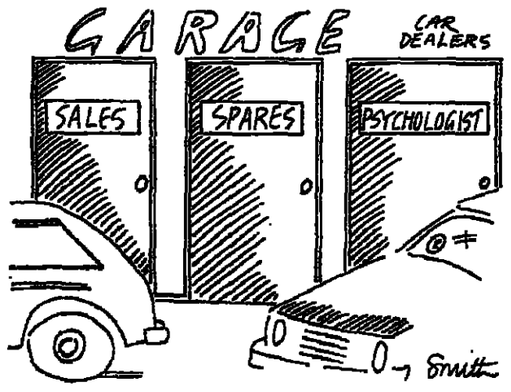
The more conservative colours of green and blue are increasingly being chosen. For the second year running, the percentage of new blue cars on our roads is increasing, up to 25 per cent against only 20 per cent in 1991, with blue thought to denote drivers who are group-minded, conscientious and hard-working, but sometimes lacking in imagination and too concerned about what others think of them.

The other colour proving more popular is green. It accounts for 7.5 per cent of new cars against only 2 per cent in 1991 and is associated with motorists seeking a tranquil lifestyle, and who see their family as more important than climbing the career ladder.

Rob Whalley, PHH's marketing director, says: "Our survey does seem to emphasise an underlying trend to attitudes and suggests that employees are now looking for stability rather than change. So if you see a businessman driving his green diesel home late from the office with a briefcase full of work you've just spotted a Chewy."

For those whose car colour is the ultimate personality statement, then there is only one shade of car — purple. This is now the eighth most popular shade and a surprise "new entry" in the car colour Top Ten. As for the meaning of the colour, Dr Lewis says: "It's still an unusual colour, possibly chosen by people who want to stand out instead of being another boring red car on the motorway, and there is always the association with dignity, majesty and regality."

Some colours are constant, however. Red is still the favourite colour, accounting for 27 per cent of all cars bought, while black cars (8 per cent) and grey cars (6 per cent), are as popular as last year.



How the Vacancies Service works

Day three of *The Times* Degree Vacancies Service concentrates on vacancies in engineering and technology. The courses listed on this page all had places available yesterday.

The codes following each university or college name are those appearing in the UCCA or PCAS handbook for 1993 entry. Where a figure appears in brackets, it gives the institution's estimate of the number of A-level points required for entry. Points are calculated on the normal UCCA scale, using a maximum of three A-levels. An A grade is worth ten points, B eight, C six, D four and E two. An A grade at AS-level counts as five points, B four, C three, D two and E one.

Most new universities and colleges of higher education do not publish predicted entry requirements. Candidates with other qualifications should contact the university to establish course requirements.

The courses are listed under subject headings, and combined subject degrees may appear in more than one section. The UCCA and PCAS handbooks contain full details of each course.

The two clearing bodies will issue instructions to all applicants who have not been offered a place by this afternoon. The clearing process is also open to new applicants. Neither UCCA nor PCAS allocates places, but both can be contacted in the event of problems with a clearing application. Enquiries about specific courses should be addressed directly to the university or college concerned.

A number of helplines are operating during the clearing period, which finishes on September 24. The official service, operated from Middlesex University, can be contacted on 081 801 3000 (a queuing system prevents the number from ringing engaged, but often means a long wait).

Among other services is an off-air advice line run by BBC Radio 5, which has received record numbers of calls. The service, on 0500 505050, operates from 10am to 6pm throughout August.

● The *Times* listings are compiled from universities' own returns. Not all institutions are included because some provide information to the admissions bodies and official agencies only.

UCCA

AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING

City: H420 (16), H412 (18), H400 (18)
Cranfield: H420 (14)
Glasgow: H400 (14) HHK5 (14), HHL5 (14)
Queen Mary & West: H400 (12), H4R1 (12), H4R2 (12), H4R4 (12) 35H4 (8)
Manchester: H400 (22), H401 (22), H420 (22)
Salford: H400 (12), H420 (10)
Queen Mary & West: HH45 (12)

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

Cranfield (Silsoe): H330

BUILDING

Bath: K224
Liverpool: K240
London, UC: K200 (12)
Strathclyde: K220 (18)
Ulster: K240 (14), K200 (14)

CERAMICS

Leeds: J300 (12)

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Bradford: H890, H893, H894, H508 (4)
Birmingham: H890 (18)
Edinburgh: H800 (18)
Bath: H800 (20)
Leeds: H800 (18), H862 (12), H8F9 (18), H850 (12)
London, Imperial: H810 (24)
London, UC: H870 (20), H800 (20), H801 (20), H880 (20), H814 (20)
Newcastle: H800 (18), H801 (18)
Surrey: H810, H805, H802, H800, H804, H885, H880, H840, H841, H842
Swansea: H800 (20)

CIVIL ENGINEERING

Bath: H201 (16)
Bradford: H291 (10), H223 (4)
City: H200 (12), H209 (20), H206 (12)
Cranfield (Silsoe): H200 (12)
Glasgow: H200 (12), H2FG (12)
Leeds: H2K1 (18), H200 (18), H291 (18)
Liverpool: H200 (12), H201 (12), HK23 (12), H326 (12), H220 (12), H221 (8)
London, UC: H200 (22), H201 (18)
Manchester: H200 (18), H201 (18), H210 (18)
Queen Mary & West: H200 (12), H201 (14), H2N1 (10), H2NC (8), H2R1 (12), H2R2 (12), H2R4 (12)
Salford: H200 (10), H2T2 (10)
Strathclyde: H2T2 (18), H200 (18)
Surrey: H205, H200, H201, H202, H203, H204, H290, H294, H295
Swansea: H200 (14)
Ulster: H200 (18)
UMIST: H201 (16), H220 (16), H225 (16), H2N8 (16)

COMBINED STUDIES

Derby: HF19

EDUCATION (TECHNOLOGY)

Edge Hill: E2EX, E4EX

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Bath: H580 (16), H620 (16), HH56 (16)
Birmingham: HH56 (20)
Bradford: HHM6 (10), H695 (10), H696 (10), HH59 (4)
City: M6H5 (12), M6HN (20), HH56 98), H610 (12)
Cranford (Silsoe): H600 (14)
Edinburgh: HH56 (18)
Hull: H694 (10), H611 (10), H621 (12), H631 (12), H651 (12), H6F3 (12), HH36 (12)
Keele: CH46 (12), GM161 (12), FH65 (12), CH76 (12), FH16 (12), FH36 (12), HN61 (12), HW63 (12)
Kent: H605, H600, H610
Leeds: H600 (12), H6H5 (12)
Leicester: H580
Liverpool: H691 (12), HH56 (12), H580 (12), H581 (12), H585 (8), H500 (12), H600 (12), H630 (12)
London, UC: H609 (18), HH65 (18), HH6M (18), HHPM (18), H6GM (18)
London, Kings: HH36, HH56, HH57, HH65
Newcastle: HH56 (8), HHM6 (8), H600 (8), H601 (8)
Nottingham: HH56, H6R2, H6R4, H6R8, H600, H6RC, H6RF, H6RK, H6RV, HG61
Manchester: HH56 (8), HHNP (8), HH5M(8), H580 (8), HHM6 (20) H600 (8), H604 (8), H602 (8), H601 (8), H611 (8), H605 (8), H603 (8), H606 (8), HH35 (18), H7N1 (18)
Queen Mary & West: HH36 (16)
UEA: H602 (12)
Glasgow: GH5P (14), FH36 (14), H616 (14), H6F3 (14), HH56 (14)
Salford: HH56 (8), H620 (8), H671 (14), H600 (8), H610 (8)
Strathclyde: HH53 (22), HH56 (16), HH5P (16), HH5Q (16), HH65 (16), HH6M (16)
Surrey: HH56, HHM6, HHMP, HH5Q, HH5P
Swansea: H6H5 (12)
UMIST: H6R1 (18)
Wales, Cardiff: HH56 (14)

ELECTRONICS

Birmingham: H601 (18)
Edinburgh: H617 (18)
Essex: H600 (12), H601 (12), H605 (22), H630 (8)
London, Kings: H602 (18), H610 (18), H611 (18), H621 (18), HH36 (18)
London, UC: H6G5 (18), H6N1 (18), H673 (18), H60??? (18)
Newcastle: H617 (8), H616 (8)
St Andrews: FH3P (12), FFH5 (12)
Ulster: H616 (14), F245 (12), F240 (14)
UMIST: H635 (18)

ENGINEERING

City: H610 (12), Y636 (14)
Edinburgh: H100 (18)
Exeter: J120, J100, F605
Leeds: H850 (12), H862 (12)
Leicester: H106, H101
Liverpool: BF92 (12), H100 (12), H1N1 (12), H102 (8), H1ND (8)
London, Imperial: JF52 (14), JF5F (18)
London, UC: H130
Manchester: H2K1 (18), H2KC (18), J940 (18), J941 (18)
Queen Mary & West: H100 (10), H106 (10), H1F9 (10), H1N1 (10), H1R1 (10), H1R2 (10), H1R4, J976 (6)
Salford: H6B8 (8)
Strathclyde: H1N1 (18), J972 (18)
Ulster: H110

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Cranfield (Silsoe): H355
Derby: HF19
Hull: H694 (10)
Leeds: H8F9 (18), H2F9 (18), H8FX (12), J1F9 (14)
Liverpool: K240 (12), HK23 (12)
Surrey: H885, H880

ENGINEERING AND BUSINESS STUDIES

Bradford: H893, H605 (10), H392 (8)
Liverpool: M1N1 (12), M1NG (12), M1T2 (12), H1ND (8)
Queen Mary & West: M1N1 (10), M2N1 (10)
Surrey: H105, H100, H101, H104

GENERAL ENGINEERING

Leicester: H100
UMIST: H101 (18)

GENERAL ENGINEERING

Leicester: H100

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Cranfield (Silsoe): H631 (12), H630 (12)
Hull: G560, G530, GH56
London, King's: G500 (18), G520 (18), G521 (18), G522 (18), G536 (18), G5H6 (18), G5HQ (18)
Surrey: H632, H630, H634, H636
UMIST: G560 (16)
Salford: G5N1 (14), G5R1 (14), G5E2 (14), G5T4 (14)

MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING

Bradford: H705 (8), HH75 (8)
Strathclyde: H780 (20)
Liverpool: HH17 (12)
Manchester: H402 (22), H7N1 (18)
Hull: H764 (10
Leeds: H780
London, King's: H710
Salford: H700 (8)
Ulster: H780 (14)
UMIST: H7N1 (24), H716 (20)
Wales, Cardiff: H716 (14)

MARINE ENGINEERING

Glasgow: HJ36 (10)
London, UC: HJ36 (20), J645 (18)
Newcastle: H350 (16), H351 (16), 3630 (16), 3621 (16), 3600 (16)
Strathclyde: J610 (20), J600 (20)

MATERIALS

London, Imperial: J525 (14)

MATERIALS ENGINEERING

Bath: J500 (8)
Birmingham: J5F2 (12)
Swansea: J500

MATERIALS SCIENCE

Bath: J500 (8)
Birmingham: J5F2 (12)
Queen Mary & West: J550 (8), J5C1 (8)
Leeds: J500 (12)
Liverpool: F200 (12), F2H6 (12), BF92, J520 (8)
London, Imperial: JF52 (14), JF5F (18)
Manchester: J220 (12)
Swansea: J500
UMIST: J220 (12), J2B9 (12), J560 (16), J5N1 (16), J5R2 (16), J5R1 (16), J5H6 (18)

MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY

Birmingham: J5F2 (12)
Surrey: J525, J520, J521, J524

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

City: H300 (12), H399 (24)
Cranfield: H300 (14)
Leicester: H300
Queen Mary & West: H300 (12), H320 (12), H3R1 (10), H3R2 (10), H3R4 (10), HH36 (10)
Bradford: H300 (8), HH75 (8), H392 (8), H803 (4)
Leeds: H3N1 (18), H300 (18)
Liverpool: H300 (12), H301 (12), H3N1 (12), H3NC (12), HH37 (12), HH73 (12), H310 (8)
London, UC: H300 (20), H340 (18), H301 (20)
Manchester: H300 (18), H301 (18), H302 (18), HH35 (18)
Glasgow: H300 (12), HH37 (12), HH36 (12)
Salford: H300 (8)
Strathclyde: HH53 (22), H300 (18), H3H6 (18), H3J9 (18), H3J2 (18), H343 (18), H716 (20), H301 (20)
Surrey: H305, H300, H301, H304, H340, H341, H345, H346, H350, H351
Swansea: H300 (14)
Wales, Cardiff: H700 (14), HH36 (18), H300 (18), H3J5 (18)

METALLURGY

Birmingham: JJ25 (12)
Leeds: J120 (12)
Liverpool: J200 (12)
Manchester: J200 (12)
Strathclyde: J200 (18)
Surrey: J205, J200, J201, J204
UMIST: J200 (12)

MINERALS

Leeds: J1F9 (14), J120 (12) J122 (4)
London, Imperial: H255 (20)

MINING

Exeter: J100
Leeds: J100 (12)
London, Imperial: J100 (14)
Nottingham: J100

PETROLEUM ENGINEERING

London, Imperial: J171 (20)

POLYMERS

Manchester: J447 (12)
Queen Mary & West: J400
UMIST: J447 (12)

SURVEYING

Bath: K280 (16)

SURVEYING: QUANTITY

Ulster: K280 (18)

TECHNOLOGIES

Essex: F3N1 (8)
Derby: J900
Glasgow: H111 (8)

TEXTILES

Leeds: NJ14 (14), J460 (12), J446 (12), WJ24 (16)
UMIST: J4N1 (16), J4W2 (18), J4NY (18), J4ND (16), J4T9 (16), J4NC (16), J4N9 (16), JJ49 (16), J4TX (16)

PCAS

AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING

Hertfordshire: H400, H408, H430, H438
Humberside: H400, H620
Kingston: H400
NE Wales Inst: H400 (2), H420 (2)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Westminster: G590

BUILDING/ CONSTRUCTION

Buckinghamshire Coll: K299
Coventry: H260, H2T2
De Montfort: K214 (10)
De Montfort (MK): K100 (14)
Dundee Inst: K250 (4)
Glasgow Caledonian: K290
Hertfordshire: KN2C
Luton: Y400, K201
Nene Coll: K200
Northumbria: K200
Nottingham Trent: K200
Oxford Brookes: K200
Sheffield Hallam: K472
Robert Gordon: K100
Westminster: K236, K200
Wolverhampton: Y600, KN28
Southampton Inst: K252, K258

BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERING

Coventry: K2T2
Hertfordshire: K240, K248
Northumbria: K240
South Bank: K240

BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Kingston: G562
Luton: Y400
N London: Y100, G5N1
Southampton Inst: G562, G568
Teesside: G562
Greenwich: G932
Glasgow Caledonian: NH17
Buckinghamshire Coll: G562
Staffordshire: G562

CERAMICS

Staffordshire: FJ13, FJ33, FJ36, HJ36, J320, JG34, JG35

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Teesside: H800

CIVIL ENGINEERING

Hertfordshire: H200, H208
Kingston: H200
Nottingham Trent: H208
NE Wales Inst: H200 (2)
Brighton: H200 (12)
Wolverhampton: HN28, H623, H2N1
Teesside: H200
Coventry: H260, H2T2, H208
Glasgow Caledonian: H200
Westminster: H200
Dundee Inst: H200 (10)
Oxford Brookes: H200
Portsmouth: H200

COMBINED STUDIES (ENGINEERING)

De Montfort: Y400
Hertfordshire: Y100
Luton: Y400
Wolverhampton: Y600 (CD), (C5), (DT), (DY), (EE), (MA)
Teesside: H108/801H

COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING

Humberside: H520
N London: HG2A/Y100, H620/026H
Northumbria: H620
E London: H620
Portsmouth: H620
Nene Coll: G560
Staffordshire: H620, H628

COMPUTER-AIDED ENGINEERING

Wolverhampton: Y600 (CD), GW52
Glasgow, Caledonian: H161
South Bank: H161
Portsmouth: H611
Buckinghamshire Coll: H161
Staffordshire: H110, H118, H161

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Teesside: H611
Westminster: H611
South Bank: H580
Swansea Inst: H610
Oxford Brookes: G510
E London: H610
Nene Coll: H560

CONTROL ENGINEERING

Westminster: H640
E London: H610

DIGITAL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

Luton: G532
Sunderland: H611

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Teesside: H500
Greenwich: H580, H588
Northumbria: H580
South Bank: H580, H588
Dundee Inst: H500 (4), H580 (4)
E London: H580
Portsmouth: H580
Leeds Metro: H580

ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

De Montfort: H500
Hertfordshire: H580, H588
Humberside: H100
Nottingham Trent: H580, H588
Brighton: H580 (4)
Sheffield Hallam: H660, H669
Robert Gordon: H620, H610, H580, H581
NE Wales Inst: H580
N London: H620/026H
Northumbria: H580, H620,. H611, H692
Teesside: H600
Central Lancashire: H600
Greenwich: H580, H588 H600
Glasgow Caledonian: H600
Northumbria: H580, H620
Westminster: H600
South Bank: H580
Sunderland: H580
Swansea Inst: H600, H6H9
Staffordshire: H501, H508, H500
Dundee Inst: H600, H580 (4)
Oxford Brookes: H580
E London: H580
Portsmouth: H611, H580
Leeds Metro: H580

ELECTRONICS

Hertfordshire: B800, B808
Nottingham Trent: GH58
N London: Y100, H600/Y100
Southampton Inst: H6N1, H6NC
Central Lancashire: H699, H588
Gwent: H642
Gwent Inst: H642 (4)
Kingston: H603, H6G5
Northumbria: H692
Cardiff Inst: 026H, H601
Swansea Inst: Y999
Dundee Inst: H680
Oxford Brookes: H600
Staffordshire: FH16, FH63, FH66, GH46, GH56, HJ36, HL68

ENGINEERING

Sheffield Hallam: F399, H391, H999
Robert Gordon: H611
Central Lancashire: H308
De Montfort: H100
South Bank: H99
Salford Coll: H199, H100, H780, H611
Bournemough: H699
Harper Adams: H330
Swansea Inst: H770
Dundee Inst: H100
Oxford Brookes: H100
Portsmouth: H100, H603, H770, H612, H108
Univ of C England: H100, H1R2, H108

ENGINEERING PRODUCT DESIGN

Sheffield Hallam: H161, H130
South Bank: H770, H778
Staffordshire: H770
Sunderland: HN71
Univ of C England: H770

ENGINEERING SYSTEMS

Wolverhampton: H660
South Bank: H100, H108
Portsmouth: H603

ENGINEERING WITH BUSINESS STUDIES

Hertfordshire: H121, H128
Sheffield Hallam: H120
Southampton Inst: H120, H128
Greenwich: HN11
Bournemouth: H120
Portsmouth: H120

ENGINEERING WITH MODERN LANGUAGES

Univ of C England: H6R2

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Brighton: H250 (12)
Dundee Inst: F910 (4)
Portsmouth: H250

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Sheffield Hallam: N700

FOUNDATION ENGINEERING

Brighton: H108
Kingston: H108
Sunderland: H108

INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Central Lancashire: G560
De Montfort: H1H7
Westminster: H120
Univ of C England: G568

INDUSTRIAL STUDIES

Sheffield Hallam: N611

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Sheffield Hallam: G561, G564
Luton: H582
Teesside: H640
Greenwich: G561
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Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 51 (5)(a) of the above Act that the Secretary of State has approved a transfer of general business from the transferor to Lombard Continental Insurance (UK) Limited.

Department of Trade and Industry London

August 1993

TO the Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Licensing District of Brent sitting at The Court House, Church End, 448 High Road, Willesden, London NW10 2DZ
TO the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, Kilburn Police Station, 38 Salusbury Road, Kilburn, London NW6 6NN
TO the Town Clerk of the London Borough of Brent, Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 9HD
TO the Chief Officer, L F C D A, Marion House, 61/63 Staines Road, Hounslow, Middlesex TW3 3JQ
WE, GERARD GREALIS now residing at 72 Glebe Crescent, Kenton, Middlesex, having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Publican, and DAMIAN PATRICK MORGAN now residing at 127a High Street Harlesden London N W 10 having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Bar Manager and being persons interested in the premises described below do hereby give notice that it is our intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said Division to be held at The Court House, Church End, 448 High Road, Willesden, London N W 10 on the 14th day of September 1993, for the provisional grant to us of a Justices' licence authorising us to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption On the Premises about to be altered or extended for the purpose of being used as a house for the sale of intoxicating liquor situated at 120 High Street, Harlesden London N W 10, and to be known by the sign of ANGIES IV, of which premises Charlwood Leisure Limited is the owner
DATED this 18th day of August 1993
Hodders of 11 Station Road Harlesden, London NW10 4UD Solicitors and Agents for the Applicants

LEGAL NOTICES

CHAPARRAL COMMUNICATIONS LTD (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS On 12 August 1993 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT was appointed Liquidator by the Members.
The Liquidator gives notice, pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to Martin Fishman c/o Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 25 September 1993.
The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 26 October 1993 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 25 September 1993, and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.
The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full
Dated 23rd August 1993
M Fishman Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

EMPEROR ENTERTAINMENTS LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above company by the members on 11th August 1993 and my appointment was confirmed by the creditors on 20th August 1993.
DATED this 11th August 1993
Peter S Dunn FCA, Liquidator

HOT-TRONIC (WALES) LIMITED
Registered number: 2276881. Former company name: Lemonbell Limited. Nature of business: Manufacturer of industrial heating elements. Trade classification: 11. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 19 August 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Hot-Tronic Limited Joint Administrative Receivers: P R Copp and A P Supperstone (office holder nos: 1788/01 and 2703/01) Address: Sloy Hayward 8 Baker Street London W1M 1DA

IN THE MATTER OF ICP ESTATES LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that Nicholas J Miller and Alan R Price, Licensed Insolvency Practitioners of Messrs Carson Beckman and Partners Hobson House, 155 Gower Street London WC1E 6BJ were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above company by the members and creditors on 17 August 1993
Dated this 18th day of August 1993
N J Miller and A R Price
Joint Liquidators

Lewin Atkins & Co
In Liquidation
Chartered Accountants 2 Cyprus Road Finchley, London N3
Notice to former clients for collection of books and papers
I was appointed liquidator of the above partnership on 27 April 1993. Would all former clients of the partnership who have not yet collected their books and papers please write to the liquidator Mr Malcolm Cohen at 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA (Ref 7/BB), in order to arrange for their collection
I put you on notice that any papers not collected by 17 September 1993 will be destroyed
20 August 1993
Malcolm Cohen, Liquidator

Minories Developments Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co situated at PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on 9th September 1993 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors
Dated this 24th August 1993
G D Colover, Director.

No 1444 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF GOLDSBOROUGH LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 20th day of August 1993 confirming the reduction of the amount standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company from £18,040,513.00 to £nil in accordance with the above mentioned Act was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the ( ) day of August 1993
WALKER MORRIS
Kings Court, 12 King Street, Leeds LS1 2HL

The Insolvency Act 1986
WORLDSOUND LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Brian Reginald Anthony Callaghan of Chantrey Vellacott, Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square London WC1B 5LF, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 20th August 1993
Dated this 24th day of August 1993.
B R A Callaghan, Liquidator

NO OF MATTER 194 OF 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MANCHESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF ORAMA FABRICATIONS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 30th March 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £10,000,000 to £2,220,000 by cancelling 4,684,000 ordinary shares of £1.00 each of the ordinary shares in issue and by cancelling and extinguishing the 3,126,000 unissued ordinary shares of £1.00 each.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice O'Donoghue at Queen Elizabeth II Law Courts, Derby Square, Liverpool L2 1XA on Monday the 13th day of September 1993 at 10.30am.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same
Dated this 26th day of August 1993
LACE MAWER, SOLICITORS
King's House, 42 King Street West, Manchester M3 2NL
Our Ref PMEH/JBC

NO OF MATTER 196 OF 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MANCHESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF ORAMA HOME IMPROVEMENTS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 30th March 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £12,725,000 to £2,200,000 by cancelling 209,981,058 ordinary shares of £0.05p each of the ordinary shares in issue and by cancelling and extinguishing the 118,942 unissued ordinary shares of £0.05p each
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice O'Donoghue at Queen Elizabeth II Law Courts, Derby Square, Liverpool L2 1XA on Monday the 13th day of September 1993 at 10.30am.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same
Dated this 25th day of August 1993
LACE MAWER, SOLICITORS
King's House, 42 King Street West, Manchester M3 2NL
Our Ref PMEH/JBC

SECTION 27 NOTICE
The Fassett and Johnson Retirement Benefit Scheme
Pursuant to Section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925, notice is hereby given that all Creditors, Members and others having any claims against or claiming to be beneficially interested in the fund constituted under the Fassett and Johnson Retirement Benefit Scheme established by a Trust Deed dated the 24th day of April 1964 (as amended by a Deed of Amendment dated 17th January 1977) are required to send particulars in writing to Bennett Taylor Tyrrell of 72 New Cavendish Street, London, W1M 8AU, marked for the attention of Mr Peter Fraser, on or before 29th October 1993 after which date the Trustees will proceed to distribute the assets of the Scheme amongst the persons entitled to them having regard only to the claims of which they then have notice and shall not be liable for the assets of the Scheme or any part of them so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands they have not had notice.

NO OF MATTER 197 OF 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MANCHESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF SHARPS INDIVIDUAL BEDROOMS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 30th March 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £44,542,000 to £455,000 cancelling 44,087,000 ordinary shares of £1.00 each and reducing the share premium account of the said Company from £5,000 to nil by cancelling the same.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice O'Donoghue at Queen Elizabeth II Law Courts, Derby Square, Liverpool L2 1XA on Monday the 13th day of September 1993 at 10.30am.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same
Dated this 25th day of August 1993
LACE MAWER, SOLICITORS
King's House, 42 King Street West, Manchester M3 2NL
Our Ref PMEH/JBC

NO OF MATTER 198 OF 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MANCHESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF SHARPS GROUP LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 30th March 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £60,210,000 to £589,000 by cancelling 1,192,542,086 ordinary shares of £0.05p each in issue and by cancelling and extinguishing the 77,914 unissued ordinary shares of £0.05p each.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice O'Donoghue at Queen Elizabeth II Law Courts, Derby Square, Liverpool L2 1XA on Monday the 13th day of September 1993 at 10.30am.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same
Dated this 25th day of August 1993
LACE MAWER, SOLICITORS
King's House, 42 King Street West, Manchester M3 2NL.
Our Ref PMEH/JBC.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SKYSURE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 13th September 1995 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require
Dated this 23rd day of August 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D C Wallis, Director

The Insolvency Act 1986
CORONET SECURITY SERVICES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that G C A Morphitis of Cape & Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1A 4LH was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 16th August 1993
Dated this 24th day of August 1993
GCA Morphitis, Liquidator

NO OF MATTER 193 OF 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MANCHESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF DOLPHIN GROUP LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 30th March 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £6,800,000 to £100 by cancelling 6,469,902 ordinary shares of £1.00 each in issue and by cancelling and extinguishing the 29,998 unissued ordinary shares of £1.00 each.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice O'Donoghue at Queen Elizabeth II Law Courts, Derby Square, Liverpool L2 1XA on Monday the 13th day of September 1993 at 10.30am
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 25th day of August 1993
LACE MAWER, SOLICITORS
King's House, 42 King Street West, Manchester M3 2NL.
Our Ref PMEH/JBC

NO OF MATTER 195 OF 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MANCHESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF DOLPHIN SHOWERS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 30th March 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £6,525,000 to £1,000 by cancelling 6,524,000 ordinary shares of £1.00 each of the ordinary shares in issue.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice O'Donoghue at Queen Elizabeth II Law Courts, Derby Square, Liverpool L2 1XA on Monday the 13th day of September 1993 at 10.30am
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 25th day of August 1993
LACE MAWER, SOLICITORS
King's House, 42 King Street West, Manchester M3 2NL.
Our Ref PMEH/JBC.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
L C FINISHERS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 8th September 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require
Dated this 20th day of August 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
B. Kinnear, Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986
CHICKEN GEORGE (FOOD SYSTEMS) LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that G.C.A. Morphitis of Cape & Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1A 4LH was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 13th August 1993.
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GCA Morphitis, Liquidator.

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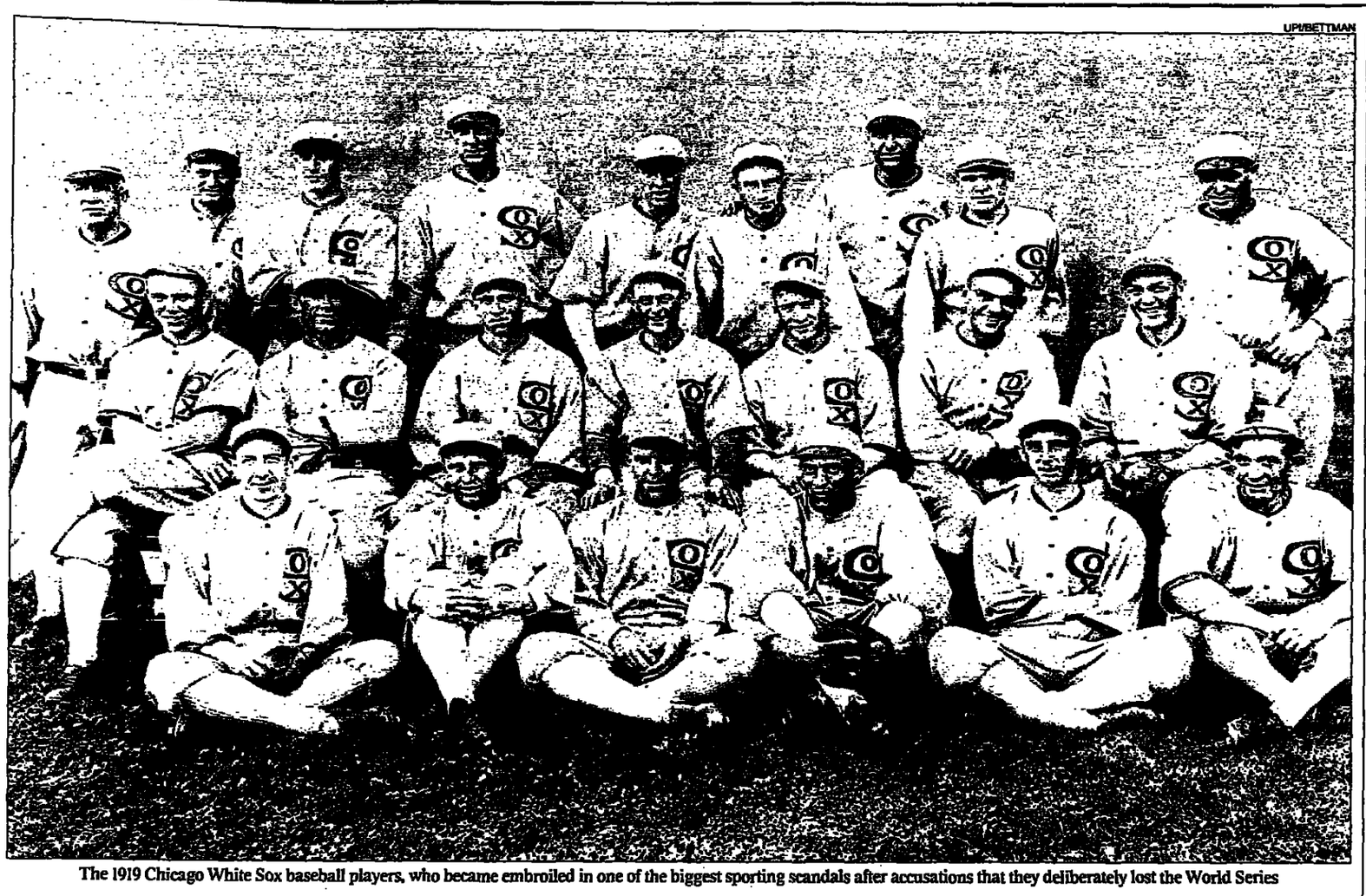
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The 1919 Chicago White Sox baseball players, who became embroiled in one of the biggest sporting scandals after accusations that they deliberately lost the World Series

Tracing the footsteps of Shoeless Joe

The troubles engulfing Marseilles pale beside the greatest sporting scandal of all, **Oliver Holt** reports

They are sportsmen from different eras and different sports, one team a sepia-tinged memory, the dramatis personae of a host of films and books, the other a striving, sweating technicolor reality unaided by nostalgia. Separated by seven decades and the width of the Atlantic, the Chicago White Sox baseball team of 1919 and the Olympique de Marseilles football club of today are teams joined only by the clinging scent of corruption.

In France, the scandal grows as the day of judgment draws near; it wrecks careers, destroys reputations, sullies the achievements of the team. Marseilles is under siege, even though allegations that members of the club's hierarchy bribed opponents to lose a crucial domestic game are, as yet, unproven.

President Mitterrand elevated the case to a full-blown "*affaire d'état*" when he said he found it hard to believe the club would "stoop to buying its victories". Bernard Tapie, the club's controversial president, described the investigations as "a lynching with shovelfuls of manure".

But whatever the parallel, it is hard to say whether the case of Marseilles and Valenciennes will ever permeate the culture of present and future generations as thoroughly the White Sox's capitulation to the Cincinatti Reds in baseball's World Series of 1919.

To any American sports fan, 1919 was "the year of the Blacksox", the nickname foisted on the team by a shocked press corps. The scandal that rocked the country's favourite sport and disgraced one of its biggest stars, Shoeless Joe Jackson, invaded the nation's psyche. Its impact was such that, six years later, F. Scott Fitzgerald was still writing of it in awe.

In *The Great Gatsby*, first published in 1926, Jay Gatsby tells the spellbound narrator, Nick Carraway, about the gambler who fixed the matches in question. Carraway is staggered. "I remembered, of course, that the World Series had been fixed in 1919," he said. "But if I had thought of it at all, I would have thought of it as a thing that merely happened, the end of some inevitable chain. It never occurred to me that one man could start to play with the faith of 50 million people, with the single-mindedness of a burglar blowing a safe."

Overwhelming favourites to beat the Reds in the nine-game contest, seven of the White Sox players accepted,

> A tearful boy burst through the crowd. "Say it ain't so, Joe," he pleaded. But nobody heard the reply

in differing degrees, bribes offered by gamblers to throw the series. An eighth, Buck Weaver, knew about the fix but did not inform the authorities.

Worst and most distressing of all, Jackson was implicated in the scandal. It ended his career. He was a colossus, a guileless man with the simple aura of Duncan Edwards, whose career might have rivalled that of the greatest baseball players of them all, Babe Ruth.

Alan Dershowitz, the prominent Harvard lawyer, recently compared the turmoil caused by Jackson's disgrace to the national agonising over Watergate.

The after-shocks of the affair rumble on in United States today, where the White Sox, who lead their division in the American League, are still searching for their first World Series since the scandal erupted. Elements of the baseball fraternity want Jackson, who acquired his nickname because of his habit of playing without footwear in the minor leagues, posthumously admitted to the Hall of Fame, from which he has been barred. Their requests have been steadfastly refused.

The Great Gatsby was but the first of a long line of books and films exploring the affair. It clearly influenced Bernard Malamud's novel, *The Natural*, which spawned a romanticised film starring Robert Redford. More recently, the film *Eight Men Out* painted the picture of an illiterate, sullen Shoeless Joe, who reluctantly accepted the bribe when it was offered by a team-mate. But in another cinema hit, *Field of Dreams*, made in 1989, Jackson becomes a metaphor for all that is best in the game.

Many details of the controversy remain concealed or uncertain. It began in the summer of 1919 as the White Sox, a team managed by the notoriously stingy Charles Comiskey, were on the point of qualifying for the best-of-nine game World Series. Two members of the team — Eddie Cicotte, the outstanding pitcher, and Chick Gandil, a first baseman — were approached by the gambler, Sleepy Bill Burns, and offered $100,000 to convince other members of the team to throw the series.

Gandil tried to recruit Jackson, who was earning $6,000 a year — far less than a player of his talent was worth — under Comiskey's parsimonious regime, with offers of first $10,000 then $20,000. Jackson refused and even asked the team owner to be allowed not to play in the series. His plea was turned down.

But Gandil recruited enough players to make the scheme viable and, with Cicotte at the plate, the White Sox lost heavily in the first two games. They introduced an untainted rookie pitcher for the third game and won. In the fourth game, Cicotte pitched again and actually cut out a throw from Jackson that would have intercepted a runner.

THE BETTMAN ARCHIVE



Shoeless Jackson at bat, later to retire in disgrace

The White Sox lost the series 5-3 but only after a death threat had been made to another pitcher, Lefty Williams, on the eve of the final game and he had thrown poorly in the first inning. Proving Jackson's complicity in the affair, though, remains problematic.

He played every inning of all eight games, fielded flawlessly, his batting average of .375 led both teams and his 12 hits established a new series record. He clearly played to win. But after the last game, Williams flung an envelope on his hotel bed containing $5,000. Jackson took it home to his wife and she put it in their bank account.

The following year, details of the fix began to seep out and although a jury was later to clear the players of all charges, Kenesaw Mountain Landis, the new baseball commissioner, barred them from the sport. "There is absolutely no chance for them to creep back into organised baseball," he said. "They are, and will remain, outlaws."

By that time, though, one incident had already summed up the deep sense of national betrayal surrouding the fix, the disillusion that Marseilles supporters will feel now that the validity of their team's achievements have been called into question.

It is said that as Jackson walked down the courthouse steps in Chicago after an engineered but shambling confession of guilt to a grand jury — a confession he later retracted — a tearful young boy burst through the crowd surrounding him.

"*Say it ain't so, Joe,*" the boy pleaded. Nobody heard the reply.

☐ *The disciplinary committee of the French football league meets today to set a new date for the hearing into the Marseilles affair. It was due to take evidence today but five of the eight people summoned asked for a postponement.*

Lindsay may put hold on spending and transfers

Christopher Irvine on the man responsible for a wind of change that is whipping through a financially embarrassed sport

FOUR months ago, Widnes supporters decamped to Wembley, where their side gave Wigan their biggest fright in the Rugby League Challenge Cup Final. For a day at least, the financial troubles of a great club were forgotten.

These have resurfaced with devastating consequence at Widnes whose fat cheque book once struck fear and loathing into the heart of Welsh Rugby Union. Much of the pillaging of the valleys was actually done on the never-never and the club frittered away the profits of success in the Eighties. The only assets left are the players, who know a sinking ship when they see one.

So far, eight of last season's side have gone, among them, Jonathan Davies, their costliest Welsh recruit, to neighbours Warrington. The enormous task Phil Larder, the Widnes coach, has in constructing something from the rubble is matched only by the target of close on £1 million needed to dig the club from the financial mire and, it is hoped, prosper as a private limited company.

The archaic practices at Naughton Park are reflected by the fact that they are one of only two members-run clubs still in the league. The wind of change is now whipping through a financially stricken game which, while second only to football as a specatator sport, has been living on borrowed time; and, like Widnes, is only just awakening to the harsh reality.

With the exception of Halifax and Highfield, the remaining clubs are in debt of around £10 million. Costly ground improvements, and greed, which have killed off the golden goose of contracts for many players, have been only half the problem. Only now are the importance of budgets and balance sheets being realised.

Enter Maurice Lindsay, the man who pulled Wigan up by their boot straps in the Eighties. Having got rid of the third division and three clubs just seven months into the job, the chief executive of the Rugby Football League has his knife sharpened to trim the remaining fat.

"It's painful, but a question of losing a foot to save the leg," Lindsay said. He has the power now as head of a new executive board, having taken it away from the 32-club Rugby League Council. Lindsay says he is challenging, not tearing up, 98 years of history. Getting the financial house in order is simply a first step towards expansion.

The truism of a game played by professionals and run by amateurs is, it seems, finally being addressed.

There will be an economic review of clubs, who will have to open their books for the first time and follow an "idiot's guide" to management written by Lindsay and his executive. If necessary, there will be curbs on spending and player transfers.

Lindsay's reformation has little room for sentiment, and opponents are fearful of the all-embracing influence he has vested in himself. But Rugby League has always stood at the crossroads and never before fought for a national identity. With a more competitive framework of two divisions, and



Lindsay: remedies

clubs brushing up their marketing act, Lindsay believes that the game will attract and prosper. And whatever the problems off the pitch, there remains an abundance of good things on it.

Great Britain play a three-match series against New Zealand, starting at Wembley on October 16. The elimination of the County Cup competitions, which contributed to the fixture overload, will allow for better preparation. This could prove valuable. In drawing with Australia before losing twice over the summer, New Zealand underlined the strength of their challenge.

Castleford and Leeds kick off the domestic season tonight. However, a strengthened Bradford Northern and Halifax are likelier candidates for honours from east of the Pennines. Looking west, St Helens lost the Stones Bitter championship on points difference last season and should be thereabouts again.

FIRST DIVISION CLUB GUIDE

BRADFORD NORTHERN: Coach: Peter Fox. Transfers: In: P Dixon (Leeds, £70,000), N Holding (St Helens), P Newlove (Featherstone, £245,000). Out: T Anderson (Huddersfield). 1992-3: Championship: 3rd. Challenge Cup: s-f. Premiership: 1st round. Regal Trophy: finalists. Championship odds (Coral): 5-1.

CASTLEFORD: Coach: John Joyner. Transfers: In: A Daniels (Hunslet), T Kemp (overseas contract, Newcastle Knights), R Russell (Oldham, exchange); I Smales (Featherstone). Out: N Baitye (Doncaster); G Boothroyd (Hunslet); P Fletcher, S Irwin (both Oldham). 1992-3: Championship: 6th. Challenge Cup: 3rd round. Premiership: s-f. Regal Trophy: s-f. Odds: 14-1

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS: Coach: Steve Martin. Transfers: In: C Gibson (Leeds, £15,000); A Currie (Widnes, £150,000), G Hill (o/c, Canterbury), S Molloy (Leeds, £95,000); G Price (Wakefield Trinity). Out: P Newlove (Bradford Northern, £245,000); W Taekata (o/c, released), I Smales (Castleford) 1992-3: Championship: Second division winners. Challenge Cup: 1st round. Premiership: winners. Regal Trophy: 2nd round. Odds: 200-1.

HALIFAX: Coach: Malcolm Reilly. Transfers: In: D Boyd, M Hagan, J Schuster (o/c, all Newcastle Knights), S Hampson (Wigan), L Harland (Leeds), M Jackson (Wakefield Trinity, £100,000); S Lay (Hunslet, exchange). Out: G Austin (Keighley); P Bell (Dewsbury); D Cooper (Hunslet, exchange); D Pickles (Huddersfield). 1992-93: Championship: 7th. Challenge Cup: 3rd Round. Premiership: 1st Round. Regal Trophy: 2nd round. Odds: 8-1

HULL: Coach: Royce Simmons. Transfers: In: D Hasler (o/c, Manly); J Doyle (o/c, North Sydney) 1992-3: Championship: 9th. Challenge Cup: Preliminary round. Regal Trophy: s-f. Odds: 150-1.

HULL KINGSTON ROVERS: Coach: George Fairbairn. Transfers: In: D Harding (o/c, Manly). 1992-3: Championship: 14th. Challenge Cup: 3rd round. Regal Trophy: 2nd round. Championship odds: 500-1.

LEEDS: Coach: Doug Laughton. Transfers: In: R Eyres (Widnes); I Scott (Workington) Out: C Gibson (Featherstone, £15,000), J Gallagher (London Crusaders), A Goodway (Oldham), L Harland (Halifax); N Harmon (Warrington £75,000); S Molloy (Featherstone Rovers, £95,000), S Wane (Workington) 1992-3: Championship 5th. Challenge Cup: s-f. Premiership: s-f. Regal Trophy: 1st round. Odds: 10-1.

LEIGH: Coach: Steve Simms. Transfers: In: None. Out: A Ruane (Barrow). 1992-3: Championship: 11th. Challenge Cup: 1st round. Regal Trophy: 3rd round. Odds: 500-1.

OLDHAM: Coach: Peter Tunks. Transfers: In: J Fogarty (Huddersfield), P Fletcher, S Irwin, (both Castleford); A Goodway (Leeds); P Groves (St Helens, exchange); D Jones (Wakefield, exchange); M Kuiti (o/c, Rochdale Hornets), B Lindner (o/c, Illawarra); P Topping (Leigh). Out: G Christie, M Sheals (Wakefield, exchange); T Martyn (St Helens, exchange); T Bates, P Hourigan (both Rochdale), R Russell (Castleford). 1992-3: Championship: second division runners-up. Challenge Cup: 3rd round. Premiership: Regal Trophy: 1st round. Odds: 200-1

SALFORD: Coach: Garry Jack. Transfers: In: G Jack (o/c, Sheffield), M Neil (o/c, Illawarra), S Naylor (Wigan). Out: C Coleman (o/c, released) 1992-3: Championship: 13th. Challenge cup: 1st round. Regal Trophy: 1st round. Odds: 300-1

SHEFFIELD EAGLES. Coach: Bill Gardner. Transfers: In: D Frausse (Carpentras); C McKenna (o/c, Brisbane). Out: G Jack (Salford). 1992-3: Championship: 10th. Challenge Cup: 2nd round. Regal Trophy: 1st round. Odds: 300-1

WAKEFIELD TRINITY: Coach: David Topliss. Transfers: In: G Christie, M Sheals (both Oldham, exchange), M Fuller (o/c, South Sydney); L Harlan (Batley), D Woods (o/c, Canberra) Out: M Jackson (Halifax £100,000); D Jones (Oldham, exchange); G Price (Featherstone), N Wright (Wigan, £140,000) 1992-3: Championship: 12th. Challenge Cup: 2nd round. Regal Trophy: 1st round. Odds: 500-1.

WARRINGTON: Coach: Brian Johnson. Transfers: In: J Davies (Widnes); C Ferzli (o/c, Illawarra). Out: N Harmon (Leeds, £75,000); D Mann (Auckland Warriors); R Turner (Doncaster). 1992-3: Championship: 8th. Challenge Cup: 1st round. Premiership: 1st round. Regal Trophy: 2nd round. Odds: 50-1

WIDNES: Coach: Phil Larder. Transfers: In: R Howe, J Grieves (both o/c, Newcastle Knights). Out: C Ashurst (Swinton); A Currie (Featherstone, £150,000); J Davies (Warrington), R Eyres (Leeds), L Holliday (Dewsbury, £27,000); D Marsh (Swinton), P McKenzie (Workington); K Sorensen (Whitehaven) 1992-3: Championship: 4th. Challenge Cup: finalists. Premiership: 1st round. Regal Trophy: 3rd round. Odds: 25-1

WIGAN: Coach: John Dorahy. Transfers: In: G Connolly (St Helens, £250,000); N Wright (Wakefield Trinity, £140,000). Out: A Farrar (retired, Australia); S Hampson (Halifax), S Naylor (Salford), S Turner, P Gartland (both Swinton) 1992-3: Championship: Winners. Challenge Cup: Winners. Premiership: finalists. Regal Trophy: Winners. Odds: 4-6.

Principal Dates: October 3: Wales v New Zealand (Swansea); October 16: Great Britain v New Zealand (Wembley), October 30: Great Britain v New Zealand (Wigan); November 6: Great Britain v New Zealand (Headingley). January 22: Regal Trophy Final; February 18: Wales v France. March 20: France v Great Britain; April 30: Silk Cut Challenge Cup final (Wembley), May 22: Stones Bitter premiership final (Old Trafford).

Mansell set for new deal

LINGERING doubts over Nigel Mansell's motor racing intentions for next season began to disappear last night when Carl Haas, the co-owner of the Briton's Newman-Haas team, revealed he felt he had secured his signature for another year of IndyCar racing (Oliver Holt writes).

Mansell leads the series, based in America, by 31 points from Emerson Fittipaldi, and will race in Vancouver on Sunday.

Rumours about a possible return to Formula One with Benetton have persisted throughout the season and they have been fuelled by Mansell and Haas wrangling about an increase in the reigning Formula One world champion's present salary of approximately $3 million.

But Haas said: "I am sure now he will be driving with us next year. We had an extremely fruitful meeting at his home in Florida ten days ago."

Homers' odysseys keep hearts a'flutter



FREUD ON FRIDAY

At about six o'clock this evening Ronnie Davidson will place half-a-dozen pigeons into a wicker basket and take them down the road to the Scout Hall in Girvan.

They will then be transferred to a bigger pannier, put on an overnight transporter to Haydock ... and at 11.30 on Saturday morning his "and mebbe three thoosand other birds" will be liberated.

Like an aerial Tour de France without police, TV coverage, road closures or sponsors' clothing, they fly off, some making the pace, others circling and from 3 o'clock onwards Davidson will be in his garden in Dowhill Road looking up at the sky — between putting on his four-hole putting green, tending prize leeks, cleaning out the lofts and planning next week's Tupperware parties.

As far as he knows, he is the only produce-showing, pigeon-racing, Tupperware distributor in mid-Ayrshire.

Until the early years of this century, homing pigeons played an important part in communications: birds were attached to the Corps of Signals, got mentioned in dispatches, won medals for bravery in the face of danger; Civil Service birds would arrive in Whitehall bearing news of uprisings. Finance houses deployed pigeons to transmit company results, and illiterate boys, sent across country to seek employment, took pigeons which they returned home bearing a red thread for success, black for no luck yet.

The actress Beatrice Lillie, in mid-conversation at a New York roof-top party, noticed that a pigeon had landed on her shoulder, turned her head, said "Any message?" and continued her story.

Pigeon racing is a 20th-century sport fighting for survival against fearful odds which include Chernobyl, sparrowhawks, boys with airguns, and peregrine falcons.

Last year, for a race for young birds, Davidson entered 21. Seven returned and one got back three weeks later. He sent eight to Cheltenham the following fortnight. None came back. We have always been very fond of Cheltenham, and understand how they felt, but it must be something of a blow for a fancier.

He breeds his own birds, though he has been known to buy breeding stock: £150 if it takes his fancy, and he looks for sales caused by ill-health or death — the only good reasons. Cocks and hens take it in turn to sit on the eggs. They take 18 days to hatch. The birds fly after three to four weeks. "Then I need a couple of months to train them."

"How?"

"Keep them hungry."

"Is there money in the sport?"

"Not at this level. £40 and a cup is about the extent of it."

The birds are ringed with a race number and on their return to the loft the rubber ring is put into a metal thimble, inserted into a clock which time-stamps it, retaining the capsule for inspection. Arrival times are transmitted to the master clock, which computes the placings, bearing in mind the location of the loft.

Mature birds race over substantial distances — like being liberated in Rennes, 530 miles as the crow flies, though pigeons don't fly like that; they probably cover 650 miles, taking into account the clouds, prevailing winds and their tendency to keep low.

Are there star birds? We are shown a white one, voted Pigeon of the Year in 1991. His nose is covered in what look like small off-white sea-shells. They are wattles — like warts — and you can tell the age of a bird by the formation.

We ask whether he knows them all. He does, "the way shepherds know their sheep". We didn't know about shepherds — and ask whether the birds are consistent.

"Not really; sometimes one wins, sometimes another."

He points to a bluish bird, says "I lost that one's mother last year, lost her at Appleby and she was sent back in a basket from a stray centre. It's a long day when you're waiting for them to come back from France, keeping an eye on the sky, knowing they don't fly in the deep dark.

"A fancier near Edinburgh had 51 in the Scottish National and only one came back — at night — and he won. It's the peregrine falcons that do the damage; last week, two of my youngsters flew back with terrible back injuries. I read that people go out and steal falcons' eggs ... not nearly enough, if you ask me."

We are shown the loft and the gardens and he asks if we like broad beans, of which he has some huge specimens.

Surely that would deprive you?

He doesn't eat them; he grows them for showing, and we ask what he does eat. He says the best food around is seven miles away at Barr. We go there and find sensational steak pie baked beneath a home-made puff pastry crust.

Leaving the fancier's house, we notice that the pavement is whiter than the surrounding pavements, and as we stand and say goodbye a passing bird gives a demonstration — only he misses the pavement and hits us.

Jackson aiming to remain unbeaten

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
IN BERLIN

COLIN Jackson could probably stop his season now and be assured of winning the poll for International Amateur Athletic Federation male athlete of the year, but he is not one for leaving loose ends undone. Jackson returns to the international circuit tonight for his first 110 metres hurdles race as world champion, determined to end his season unbeaten and as grand prix champion of his event.

He has won all 16 of his hurdles races so far, including heats, and is anxious to maintain the sequence tonight. "I said at the beginning of the year that I did not want to be beaten at all and that is still important," Jackson said last night on his arrival here after a short break in Linz, Austria. "I may be world champion and world record-holder, but I have got to keep looking forward."

If anything, the opposition here is more challenging than it was in Stuttgart last Friday, when Jackson set a world record of 12.91sec, with his fellow Briton, Tony Jarrett, second in 13.00sec. Not only is Jarrett in the field but so, too, are five more finalists from Stuttgart; the one exception is Igor Kazanov, of Latvia, who has been replaced by Mark McKoy, the Olympic champion.

McKoy, with whom Jackson was staying in Linz, was omitted from the Canada team for Stuttgart because he refused to run in the national trial, though he would probably have missed the world championships anyway after suffering a hamstring injury. However, in the Linz invitation meeting on Wednesday, McKoy recorded 13.28sec, indicating that he is beginning to go well again.

Not well enough to beat Jackson, though. Asked if he thought the Welshman would maintain his unbeaten run, McKoy said: "The way he is running, I am sure he will."

Linford Christie is also in action this evening, but Sally Gunnell, Britain's other world champion, has opted out. Christie, like Jackson, runs immediately into opposition that might have tested him more in Stuttgart. Leroy Burrell and Jon Drummond failed to qualify through the United States trials for the 100 metres and have wasted no time in challenging the champion. But for Burrell, Christie would be unbeaten this season; the world champion's only defeat came in Zurich three weeks ago when Burrell won.

Gunnell's absence came as a surprise yesterday to Sandra Farmer-Patrick, the American who ran the Briton all the way to the line in an exhilarating 400 metres hurdles final in Stuttgart. Gunnell had said at the medal winners' press conference that, by racing Farmer-Patrick in Berlin and Brussels, they might develop a rivalry like that which had existed between Lewis and Christie.

"It is a little disappointing, but I am sure I can run fast on my own," Farmer-Patrick said. The explanation from Rudy Thiel, the meeting promoter, for Gunnell's change of heart was that the athlete's coach, Bruce Longden, had thought a rest prudent after the exertions not only of her individual event in Stuttgart but also of helping Britain to third place in the 4 x 400 metres on the last day.

While Jackson and Gunnell set their world records at the best moment possible, in a championship, others hope to do so here, collecting a $15,000 bonus for doing so. Noureddine Morceli, in the mile, Elana Meyer, in the 5,000 metres, and Moses Kiptanui, in the 3,000 metres, will try, given favourable weather.

☐ The Reebok/*The Times* National Fun Run, which will be held in Hyde Park on September 26, has received £10,000 backing from the government's Sportsmatch scheme. For full details of the event and entry forms, please send a stamped addressed envelope (approx 9in x 6in) to Reebok/*The Times* National Fun Run, PO Box 3460, London SE1 8RZ. Closing date for entries is September 13.

Brown ends long wait with victory on Alfredo

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

KELLY Brown had her first show jumping win for 15 years yesterday when, riding Alfredo, she captured the Silk Cut Tankard at Hickstead.

Brown, 36, from Essex, who was third in the Queen Elizabeth Cup on her last visit to Hickstead in July, made her breakthrough on the opening day of the Silk Cut Derby meeting, leaving a high-class field trailing. Brown's previous Hickstead win, as a 21-year-old, was on a horse called Friendship. In recent years she has been building up a string of novices.

"It's the only way to make your way in show jumping if you're not going to pay high prices for horses," Brown, who has owned the Irish-bred Alfredo, now 10, since he was a three-year-old, said.

But Brown is doubtful whether she will follow up her win by entering the Derby, which has prize-money of £105,000, on Sunday. "I'll see how he goes in tomorrow's Derby trial, but it would be pointless going in for it if he hasn't done well," she said.

Brown won the two-round contest by picking up just a quarter of a time fault from two clear rounds. Michael Whitaker was the runner-up on Everest My Messieur with four faults. Herve Godignon, of France, who also had a fence down on Sarcelle de Sisse, was third.

John Whitaker, fourth on Everest Roddy's Revenge, had good news about his famous partner, Milton. The 16-year-old grey, unfit for the European championships, had his first outing since going lame at the end of the Nations Cup event at Hickstead in May.

Whitaker, who jumped six fences with him at an outside ring, said: "He's fine and I'm hoping to take him to the Paris show next weekend."

RESULTS: Silk Cut Tankard: 1, Alfredo (K Brown), 0.25 faults; 2, Everest My Messieur (M Whitaker), 4, 47.87sec; 3, Sarcelle de Sisse (H Godignon, Fr), 4, 50.97. Silk Cut Challenge: 1, Everest Limited Edition (N Skelton), 49.77sec; 2, Prince D'Incoville (Godignon), 51.59; 3, Everest Cloudchase (G Luckett), 52.2

ADRIAN BROOKS



A competitor consults an official before the Silk Cut Tankard at Hickstead yesterday. The event was won by Kelly Brown

Wilander gets wild card into US Open

MATS Wilander, the former world No1 and US Open tennis champion who is attempting a comeback, was given the final wild-card entry in the men's field of this year's tournament, which starts in New York on Monday.

The US Tennis Association made the announcement just before the draw for the tournament yesterday.

Wilander, a 29-year-old Swede who lives in Greenwich, Connecticut, reached No1 in the men's world rankings in 1988, when he won three grand slam titles — the United States, Australian and French opens.

With a total of seven grand slam singles titles and 33 tournament wins overall, Wilander was given a wild card entry into the OTB International in Schenectady, New York this week, but lost in the first round to the Spaniard, Javier Sánchez.

The final wild card, reportedly, was being held back for Jimmy Connors, the five-time US Open champion who will turn 41 next week, but Connors decided not to play.

Meanwhile, Wilander's compatriot, Stefan Edberg, the US Open champion, was forced to three sets yesterday by Eyal Ran, an Israeli qualifier ranked No 262 on the world list, in the Hamley Cup in Commack, New York.

Edberg, the top seed, overcame the 20-year-old soldier 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 to reach the quarter-finals of the $300,000 Waldbaum Hamlet Cup.

The Swede joined the third seed, Sergi Bruguera, of Spain, Michael Chang, the fifth seed, of the United States, and Volkov, the eighth seed, of Russia, in the quarter-finals.

US OPEN SEEDINGS: Men: 1, J Courier (US); 2 P Sampras (US); 3, S Edberg (Swe); 4, B Becker (Ger); 5, S Bruguera (Sp); 6, M Stich (Ger); 7, M Chang (US); 8, A Medvedev (Ukr); 9, P Korda (Cz); 10, R Krajicek (Holl); 11, G Ivanisevic (Croatia); 12, T Muster (Austria); 13, I Lendl (US); 14, A Volkov (Russ); 15, C Pioline (Fr); 16, A Agassi (US).
Women: 1, S Graf (Ger); 2, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp); 3, M Navratilova (US); 4, C Martinez (Sp); 5, G Sabatini (Arg); 6, M Fernandez (US); 7, J Capriati (US); 8, J Novotna (Cz); 9, A Huber (Ger); 10, M Maleeva (Bul); 11, M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz); 12, H Sukova (Cz); 13, M Pierce (Fr); 14, N Tauziat (Fr); 15, A Coetzer (SA); 16, Z Garrison-Jackson (US).

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

WORLD UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIP (in Japan): Group A: Ghana 4, Italy 0. Group B: Nigeria 2, Australia 0. Group C: Czech and Slovak Republics 3, Colombia 1. Group D: Poland 3, Chile 3

Late results on Wednesday

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Chelsea 2, Queens Park Rangers 0; Liverpool 1, Tottenham 2; Newcastle 1, Everton 0; Norwich 1, Ipswich 0; Southampton 5, Swindon 1; West Ham 2, Sheffield Wednesday 0

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Wolverhampton Wanderers 2, Millwall 0

COCA-COLA CUP: First round, second leg: Bradford 6, Darlington 0 (agg 11-1); Brighton 2, Gillingham 0 (agg 2-1); Burnley 5, Preston North End 1 (agg 6-2); Exeter City 2, Walsall 1 (agg 2-1); West Bromwich Albion 0, Bristol Rovers 0 (agg 4-1)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Third round: Arbroath 1, Celtic 9; Heart of Midlothian 0, Falkirk 1; St Johnstone 0, Airdrie 2

WORLD CUP: Group three: Denmark 4, Lithuania 0

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn 1, Sheffield Utd 4, Nottingham Forest 0, Leicester 3, Leeds 2, Derby 1, Sunderland 3, York 2

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Cobh 0, Limerick 0, Galway 0, Cork 0; Shelbourne 1, Shamrock 0

CARLING NORTH-WEST COUNTIES: First division: Darwen 1, Maine Road 1; Kidsgrove 3, Bacup 0, Penrith 1, Atherton 1

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 3, Morecambe 2; Bishop Auckland 2, Whitley Bay 0, Boston 3, Prescot 2, Bridlington 0, Gainsborough 0

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Winterton 2, Sheffield 0

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Crediton 3, Bideford 1; Tiverton 4, Frome 0, Torrington 2, Saltash 1

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia 8, Colorado 5; Cincinnati 4, New York 1; San Diego 7, St Louis 1 (10 inns); Atlanta 9, San Francisco 1; Houston 3, Florida 2; Montreal 7, Chicago 3; Pittsburgh 2, Los Angeles 1 (12 inns)

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto 10, Cleveland 7; Detroit 7, Seattle 4; California 2, Baltimore 1; Milwaukee 12, Oakland 2; New York 7, Chicago 5; Minnesota 4, Kansas City 2; Texas 10, Boston 2.

BOWLS

SKEGNESS: English Bowling Federation national championships: Quarter-finals: Men: Two-bowl singles: T Robson bt B Ryles, 21-11; J Stephenson bt J Orgles, 21-10; D Johnson bt B Miller, 21-13; J Dawson bt P Utting, 21-10. Four-bowl singles: E Graves bt E Maule, 21-12; N Harris bt N Wigg, 21-14; T Greetham bt K Whitehead, 21-12; M Ward bt S Quinney, 21-15. Under-25 singles: D Bolt bt G Nash, 21-4; J Roope bt N Brett, 21-14; S Alton bt G Ston, 21-15. Pairs: Warboys White Hart bt Lincoln St Giles, 21-15; Cornard bt Fakenham RBL, 23-12; Broughton Red Lion bt Somercotes Rec, 23-12. Two-bowl rinks: Elm Tree bt Belvedere Peterborough, 19-12.
Women: Two-bowl singles: L Wrighton bt J Duffy, 21-15; L Pairing bt I Brown, 21-10; V Swann bt D Edyvean, 21-20; F Graham bt N Robinson, 21-12. Four-bowl singles: S Dawson bt R Allin, 21-20; P Thompson bt B Whitehead, 21-15; B Gaze bt J Foster, 21-10; P Oliver bt J Savage, 21-19. Under-25 singles: S Archer bt J Russell, 21-17; A Savage bt J Groves, 21-15; S Walpole bt T Parnell, 21-11; D Overton bt R Sleight, 21-18. Pairs: Lincoln Railway bt Poringland Swan, 19-15; Brixcy, Durham bt Victoria Park, Derbys, 22-17; Billingham bt Haverhill Town, 14-13. Three-bowl rinks: Cosby, Norfolk bt Eldon Grove, Cleveland, 32-10; Haverhill Town bt Helpringham, Lincs, 24-10; Somercotes, Derbys bt Woolpack, N Cambs, 17-7; Reedhead bt Otley, Suffolk, 22-8. Mixed pairs: Boultham Park, Lincs bt Deeping, 17-13; New Delaval and Newsham bt Newmarket Foods, 20-19; Somercotes Rec bt Melton, Suffolk, 21-14; Simonside bt South Cave, Humbs, 18-17. Mixed rinks: Ryton, Durham bt Docking, 27-6; Silent Channel bt Lucas CAV, Essex, 17-10; Lincoln St Giles bt Balderton, 23-16.
WORTHING: Open Tournament: Singles: Section finals: C Atyeo bt M Parker, 21-18, C Taylor bt P Line, 21-6; H Sidebottom bt F Lewis, 21-20; P Evans bt R Grease, 21-17; P Vamvacopoulos bt J Schools, 21-8; S Letts bt D Flo, 21-3; I Mackenzie bt W Hayward, 21-11; P Caswell bt L Thompson, 21-18.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Taunton: Somerset 257 (D W White 64, S Basten 6-56), Glamorgan 73-0. Southampton: Hampshire 356-6 dec (J S Laney 126 not out, W S Kendall 86); Essex 19-2. Eastbourne: Sussex 246 (J W Hall 75, M T E Peirce 61; I D Austin 5-16). Lancashire 51-0. Derby: Middlesex 390-7 dec (T A Radford 155 not out, P N Weekes 118); Derbyshire 27-0. Bristol: Gloucestershire 169 (D B Pennett 5-39); Nottinghamshire 81-9. Worcester: Worcestershire 243 (W P C Weston 85, D A Altree 4-49); Warwickshire 129-2. Kibworth: Northamptonshire 327-7 (W M Noon 100 not out, K J Innes 56) v Leicestershire. Folkestone: Kent 331-9 dec (R M Ellison 101, J I Longley 57, R P Davis 50, J Spence 50 not out, M Broadhurst 4-75, P Jarvis 4-106); Yorkshire 16-0

EQUESTRIANISM

WESTON PARK, Shropshire: Pony Club championships: Show jumping: 1, County Limerick; 2, The Meynell; 3, Worcestershire 4, West Lancashire. Cross-country: 1, Kildare, 160.5; 2, Heythrop, 163; 3, Bedale and West of York, 173.5

GLIDING

BIDFORD ON AVON, Warwickshire: British junior national championships: Fourth day (provisional, 300km on Telford Bush; zero completions of 35): 1, H Rebbeck (LS4) 274.7km, 533pts; 2, N Passmore (DG300C) 228.7, 437; 3, D Allison (Cirrus) 216.5, 411; 4, K Hodgson (Discus) 215, 408; 5 I Evans (C Libelle) 214.3, 407. Overall: 1, Hodgson, 2,449; 2, Rebbeck, 2,413; 3, Harland, 2,141; 4, Allison, 2,120; 5, S Housden (ASW19), 2,108.

HOCKEY

AMSTERDAM: Women's Champions' Trophy: Germany 3, Spain 0; Australia 4, Korea 0

POZNAN: Men's Intercontinental Cup: Group A: Canada 2, Cuba 0; Spain 2, South Korea 3. Group B: France 0, India 3. Belgium 2, South Africa 4; Poland 2, South Africa, 4. South Korea, Spain, India and Argentina qualify for World Cup.

BISHAM ABBEY: Training match: England Under-21 0, Australia 5

GOLF

BURHILL FAMILY FOURSOMES: Third round: Mrs D Bailey and K Frearson bt J V Wilson and Miss J C Wilson, 3 and 2. Mrs A Ratti and A Ratti bt F W R Stocks and Miss J Stocks, 5 and 3. Mrs J J Ross and S J D Ross bt Mrs P Benka and M Benka, at 21st. Mrs S Greenleaf and A Greenleaf bt Mrs B Bell and W Bell, 2 and 1. Mrs J Walker and E Walker bt Mrs M Hancocks and S Hancocks, 1 up. Mrs G Warner and R Warner bt Mrs M Donald and A Donald, 4 and 3. Mrs S K Hubbard and T Hubbard bt Mrs V Hargreaves and R Hargreaves, 4 and 3; P B Allen and Miss AW Allen bt P Cohen and Mrs S Lambert, at 19th; Mrs W Laud and A Laud bt Mrs M Caffyn and E Caffyn, 6 and 4. P A Sherwood and Mrs S A Tucker bt M Cochrane and Mrs L Patten, 7 and 8. Mrs D Dixon and H Dixon bt Mrs P Burtles and A Burtles, 1 up; Mrs J Morgan and S Morgan bt Mrs P M Bucknall and G R C Bucknall, 3 and 1. Mrs J Lawson and P Lawson bt Mrs D Campbell and A Campbell, 4 and 3. K M Bartlett and J R Bartlett bt Mrs C Monk and J Monk, 3 and 2. Mrs A Humon and C Human bt Mrs G Attree and I Attree, at 19th; P Seaze and Miss J Seaze bt Mrs B Ritchie and S D Ritchie, 4 and 3.

SQUASH

HONG KONG: Men's open tournament: Second round: S Parke (Eng) bt P Marshall (Eng), 6-15, 15-13, 15-7, 15-9; R Martin (Aus) bt D Meddings (Eng), 15-13, 15-4, 15-11; G Wilson (NZ) bt T Nancarrow (Aus), 8-15, 15-11, 15-10, 15-14. Mir Zaman Gul (Pak) bt G El Amir (Egypt), 15-10, 15-13, 17-14; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt A Schreiber (Aus), 15-9, 15-3, 15-10; R Eyles (Aus) bt M Carlyon (Aus), 15-8, 16-17, 15-13, 17-15; B Martin (Aus) bt S Elopuro (Fin), 15-12, 15-12, 8-15, 15-9; A Hill (Aus) bt C Wapnick (SA), 15-8, 15-5, 8-15, 15-7

TENNIS

COMMACK, New York: Men's tournament: Second round: S Edberg (Swe) bt E Ran (Isr), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; S Bruguera (Sp) bt P McEnroe (US), 6-4, 6-4. M Chang (US) bt A Chesnokov (Russ), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; A Volkov (Rus) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ), 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.
SCHENECTADY, New York: Second round: Men: M Pimfore (Swe) bt N Kulti (Swe), 6-3, 7-6; B Steven (NZ) bt J Burillo (Sp), 6-1, 6-2; J Sánchez (Sp) bt F Clavet (Sp), 6-4, 6-3; K Novacek (Cz) bt M Larsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-4. Women: L Meshki (Geo) bt E Reinach (SA) 6-2, 6-4; M Bebel (Ger) bt A Gavaldon (Mex), 7-5, 6-2; A Carlsson (Swe) bt M Wendel (US), 2-6, 6-4, 6-1; G Helgeson (US) bt P Paradis-Mangon (Fr), 7-5, 6-2.
BAJCIRLEOY: Turkish satellite tournament: First round (GB unless stated): N Gould bt A Moe (It), 6-2, 6-3; M Somler (US) bt S Cole, 6-3, 7-6; C Bucher bt M Ackora (Tur), 6-4, 6-1; A Richardson bt P Gerwin (US), 6-4, 6-3; L Matthews bt Y Erlangil (Tur), 7-5, 6-2.



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TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Somerset
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Worcestershire
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Durham

Second Youth Test match
Second day of four
HOVE: England Under-19 v West Indies Under-19.

ABBOT ALE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Old Hill v West Bromwich Dartmouth (Lord's, 11.0).
TOUR MATCH (one day): League Cricket Conference v Zimbabweans (at Hastingden)
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Derby: Derbyshire v Middlesex; Bristol: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire; Southampton: Hampshire v Essex; Folkestone: Kent v Yorkshire; Kibworth: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire; Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan; Eastbourne: Sussex v Lancashire; Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire

FOOTBALL
FA Carling Premiership
Manchester City v Coventry (7.45)

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor v Conwy (6.0); Cwmbran v Afan Lido.
TNT GOLD CUP: Sectional matches (7.45): Glenavon v Ballyclare; Carrick v Bangor; Larne v Portadown; Ballymena v Glentoran.

RUGBY LEAGUE
Stones Bitter Championship
Castleford v Leeds .....
Second division
London Crusaders v Batley (3.30). ..

OTHER SPORT
BOWLS: EBF national championships (Skegness).
EQUESTRIANISM: Silk Cut Derby meeting (Hickstead).
GOLF: European Amateur Championship (Dalmahoy).
SPEEDWAY: British League: Second division: Oxford v Newcastle (7.45); Edinburgh v Swindon (7.15); Peterborough v Middlebrough (7.30)

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Italian cyclist fails Leeds drug test

ALBERTO Volpi, the Italian cyclist, yesterday lost his place in his national team for the professional world road race championship in Oslo on Sunday after testing positive for drugs at the end of the Leeds Classic, a World Cup event, which he won on August 15 (Peter Bryan writes). Volpi, the first rider to test positive in Britain this year, has demanded a second analysis from the King's College laboratory at London University. If that, too, is positive, Volpi faces a fine of £500 and a suspension of three months. The Italian cycling federation could increase the suspension to two years under its own rules.

Volpi was also disqualified from the Leeds race and his 50 World Cup points credited to the runner-up, Jesper Skibby, of Denmark. His place in the world road race championship will be taken by Giorgio Furlan. Brian Smith, the British professional road race championship in 1992, has withdrawn because of a viral infection.

Bacher recovering

CRICKET: Ali Bacher, the guiding light of non-racial cricket in South Africa, is today recovering in a Johannesburg hospital after undergoing surgery on a recurrent heart condition (Alan Lee writes).

Bacher, 51, had been due in London earlier this week for the inaugural meeting of the International Cricket Council's cricket committee. He was forced to cancel his trip when a routine medical check discovered complications to his previous heart by-pass surgery. A spokesman for the United Cricket Board of South Africa, of which Bacher is managing director, said yesterday: "Ali has been in hospital since Monday and has had treatment for a blocked artery. He is expected out next Monday."

Durham prominent

BOWLS: Players from Durham competing in the English Bowling Federation national championships at Skegness will contest 11 semi-finals today. Jim Davison, 31, of Gateshead, could win the national two-wood singles title on his first appearance in the championships, while David Bolt, 14, of Cleadon Park, South Shields, has reached the semi-finals of the under-25 singles championship for the second successive year. Two young players from Parkside, South Shields, Alex Bryden, 33, and Clive Knott, 24, have given George Stokes, 64, good support on their way to the three-wood rinks semi-final.

S Africa consolidate

CRICKET: South Africa launched a steady reply to Sri Lanka's first innings 331, reaching 81 without loss by the stumps on the second day of the first test at Moratuwa, near Colombo. Kepler Wessels and Andrew Hudson were both unbeaten on 39 after surviving 32 overs of Sri Lankan spin. Earlier, the South African fast bowlers had proved more effective. Allan Donald took five for 69, his third five-wicket haul in six Tests, and Brett Schultz, the left-arm fast bowler, claimed four for 75 on his 23rd birthday. Hashan Tillekeratne top-scored for Sri Lanka, finally being the last man out for a slow, but valuable 92.

Roberts moves ahead

WATER SKIING: Phillippa Roberts took the overall lead in the slalom at the European championships in Gmunden, Austria yesterday. Roberts, 33, a doctor who took six months off work to concentrate on her training, also qualified for a place in the final of her weakest event, tricks. A place in the final of the jumping discipline, in which she is ranked fourth in Europe, today could earn her the overall medal. However, Corinna Williams, 17, of Britain, failed to improve on the silver medal she won in the trick class last year, falling in her second pass and injuring the hamstring that has troubled her recently.

Braves fell Giants

BASEBALL: The Atlanta Braves beat the San Francisco Giants for the third consecutive time on Wednesday to close the gap at the top of the National League West to 4½ games. The Braves, the pre-season favourites to win the League championship and World Series, have been in pursuit of the Giants all season and two home runs each by Fred McGriff and Dave Justice, and one each by Terry Pendleton and Damon Berryhill gave them a 9-1 victory at Giants Stadium. Greg Maddux was the winning pitcher. It was the first time this season that San Francisco have lost three games at home in a row.

Martin in the money

ATHLETICS: Eamonn Martin, the United Kingdom 10,000 metres record-holder and winner of the 1993 NutraSweet London Marathon, yesterday signed a shoe contract with Adidas, worth a minimum of £100,000 over a total of three years until the 1996 Olympic Games. However, if Martin, who missed the world championships in Stuttgart because of a foot injury, continues to win big events he could more than double those earnings from the company, because of contractual bonuses. Martin was disappointed with Britain's performance in the long-distance events in Stuttgart.

Wales opt for safety

FOOTBALL: Injuries to Barry Horne and Clayton Blackmore have forced the Wales manager, Terry Yorath, to name an expanded squad of 18 for the vital World Cup qualifying against the RCS in Cardiff on September 8. Horne, of Everton, has played only two reserve team games this season because of a broken bone in his foot while Blackmore has had a minor operation.

PARTY: N Southall (Everton), A Roberts (QPR), M Bowen (Norwich), D Phillips (Nottingham Forest), P Bodin (Swindon), M Aizlewood (Bristol City), E Young (Crystal Palace), A Melville (Sunderland), K Symons (Portsmouth), G Speed (Leeds), (Aston Villa), I Rush (Liverpool), R Giggs (Manchester Utd), D Saunders (Manchester Utd), J Goss (Norwich), C Blackmore (Manchester Utd).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

SCUNNER

(a) Mainly Scottish and Northern dialect, to be affected with violent disgust, to feel sick. As a substantive, a feeling of disgust or dislike or hatred, often irrational. Crockett, 1894: "When he preached on the Sabbath he gied the fowk no gospel to ca' gospel, but he did mak them scunner with the law."

PUNGY

(c) East Coast American boating and fishing jargon. In Massachusets, "A small boat like a sharpey"; in Chesapeake Bay, A kind of fast-sailing schooner used in the oyster-trade; also a canoe used in oyster-dredging.

ROODGE

(b) To push or lift; to move with effort. *Doctrine of Devils*, 1676: "If as demonologers say, a Devil . . . can act man's body, so as to move, carry, roodge, hurry, transport it as he pleaseth."

PYAL

(c) A jossing block or mounting stone, derivation of Portuguese and Spanish *poyo* a bench by the door. Yule: "A raised platform on which people sit, usually under the veranda, or on either side of the door of the house." Also attributed to pyal school.

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Aintree considers stricter controls against saboteurs

By Julian Muscat

THE findings of a full-scale review of security measures at Aintree racecourse are expected to reinforce changes to the starting procedure in ensuring there is no repeat of this year's Grand National fiasco.

Charles Barnett, Aintree's managing director, said drastic action in the way of crowd control was unlikely. Almost all new security measures would be invisible to the eye.

While Wednesday's report by an industry working group dealt essentially with improving existing start and recall procedures, action by animal rights demonstrators played a significant part in disrupting the Grand National start. Barnett was understandably unwilling to discuss specific tactics against saboteurs, but they cannot be far from his thoughts.

"In our minds, the security of the site is a very important issue," he said yesterday. "People who should not be on the course shouldn't be able to get in although Aintree as a venue is quite difficult to control"

To this end the Aintree executive is involved in ongoing discussions with police.

"This course is more difficult as it is basically in the middle of a city," continued Barnett. "We are some way off completing our work. In due course we will sit down with the Jockey Club and discuss how it should work."

Last year, spectators were restricted from the far rail at the start, where the starter's rostrum was situated. As of next year, the rostrum's new position — in the centre of the course — has negated the need for crowd control measures along the inside rail.

"The starter will have more control as he won't have all that noise around him" Barnett explained. "He has always had voice amplification but now his job should be made that much easier."

Meanwhile, further reaction from within racing to the working group's recommendations on starting and recall procedures was more concerned with looking ahead than examining the group's findings in detail.

Toby Balding, whose Romany King completed the course in third place, said the report's validity would be put to the test in future years.

"I have always held the view that this year's National was a one-off event," he said. "I am sure the working group went into every aspect of it quite thoroughly, so let us hope their report is right and it doesn't happen again. I think it is most unlikely to."

Bookmakers, who suffered a drop in betting turnover estimated at £60 million, were also keen to put the experience behind them. Ladbroke's spokesman, Rob Hartnett, said:"It is not for us to comment on the technical side of starting procedures. But this report brings to an end all the fall out over this year's Grand National."Hopefully, this now leaves the way clear for next year's race to re-establish itself, both as the world's greatest steeplechase and in the eyes of the public who have their annual flutter."



Balding's Romany King was third in the void National

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: COLLIER BAY
(4.05 Newmarket)
Next best: Awestrike
(2.40 Goodwood)

Edinburgh win gives Dettori full house

FRANKIE Dettori, 24 hours after registering a fastest career century at Redcar, reached another personal landmark yesterday when Allegsnobrains came home a comfortable winner of the Salamanca Selling Stakes at Edinburgh yesterday.

A delighted Dettori was given a warm reception by the Scottish crowd when his achievement was announced over the public address system. He was all smiles as he emerged from the weighing room after recording his 543rd British win. Dettori, who gained his first British success when Lizzy Hare won at Goodwood in 1987, is enjoying a golden summer. A string of recent big-race triumphs have given his career a major lift and he travels to the United States this weekend in search of further rich pickings.

He said: "It's a tremendous feeling to have scored on every British track. I had been short of just Edinburgh to achieve the feat for the last three years, but I don't get many chances to come here. In fact this is only my second visit to the track."

But it proved an expensive affair for connections of Alllegsnobrains. His trainer, David Evans, was forced to 9,600 guineas to retain the colt.

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☐ Karinga Bay, trained by Gary Moore and ridden by Brian Rouse, faces eight rivals when he tries to win the group three Spreti-Rennen for the second consecutive year at Baden-Baden today. Moore and Rouse also team up with the two-year-old Roman Reel in the listed Kronimus Rennen.

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER
2.10 Treasure Time. 2.40 Awestrike. 3.10 Glatisant. 3.40 Almamzar. 4.10 Sloe Brandy. 4.45 Amdilly. 5.20 Darrery.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 GLATISANT (nap).

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 FURNITURE VILLAGE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,947: 5f) (15 runners)

101 (5) 041260 TREASURE TIME 11 (D,F) (Chiltern Hills Racing Club) J White 4-9-10 G Forster (3) 95
102 (4) 023564 CHOIR PRACTICE 11 (D,F,G) W Haggas 6-9-3 Sally Radford-Howes (5) 99
103 (7) 105-263 ABERLADY 17 (D,F,G) (M Sinclair) M Jarvis 3-9-3 K Rutter 96
104 (2) 000300 SERIOUS HURRY 52 (D,F,G) (R Berenson) C C Elsey 5-9-2 A Procter 95
105 (9) 121233 BATCHWORTH BOUND 11 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Price) S Mellor 4-9-0 A Daly (7) 95
106 (10) 212-300 BANBURY FLYER 174 (D,F,G) (Mrs A King) Mrs A King 5-8-13 A Garth 90
107 (15) 543640 COCONUT JOHNNY 7 (D,F,S) (Crestmont Ltd) M Channon 3-8-13 R Painter (5) 97
108 (8) 243600 GO FLIGHTLINE 18 (D,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 3-8-13 D McCabe (3) 97
109 (14) 550545 TEE-EMM 38 (G) (R Carey) P Howling 3-8-10 Debbie Biggs (5) 92
110 (3) 404402 BELMONT PRINCESS 8 (L Loake) A Jones 3-9-9 D Gibbs (5) 97
111 (6) 000360 SKI CAPTAIN 17 (CD,F,G,S) (A Barnett) P Howling 9-8-4 L Carter (5) 98
112 (13) 0-40030 PAT POINDESTRES 27 (G) (J Daniels) M Ozoe 3-8-3 N Gwilliams 94
113 (12) 233230 CASTLE MAID 16 (R Sercombe) R Hodges 6-7-11 S Drowne (3) 96
114 (1) 000044 DAL MISS 13 (B) (F Lloyd) R Peacock 6-7-7 D Wright 89
115 (11) 0000 DISTANT DYNASTY 13 (J Scott) J Long 3-7-7 Wendy Jones (5) –

Long handicap: Dal Miss 7-6, Distant Dynasty 7-2.
BETTING: 6-1 Batchworth Bound, 7-1 Belmont Princess, 8-1 Aberlady, Treasure Time, 10-1 Choir Practice Pat Poindestres, Ski Captain, 12-1 Castle Maid, Go Flightline, 14-1 others.
1992: BALLASECRET 4-10-0 D Meredith (11-2) R Dickin 7 ran

2.40 SCHRODER INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £9,942: 1m) (15 runners) BBC2

201 (10) 5-43302 CARELAMAN 15 (G) (P Goulandris) J Dunlop 9-7 M Hills 96
202 (5) 3-0131 NAIF 18 (D,G) (Sultan Mohammed) L Cumani 9-4 R Cochrane 92
203 (13) 6-214 CLOUDED ELEGANCE 108 (D,G) (Mrs M Watest) I Balding 9-4 L Dettori 90
204 (11) 144114 FOURFORFUN 20 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Mape) R Hannon 9-4 B Raymond 97
205 (9) 040000 NORFOLK HERO 7 (G) (Lady D Watts) D Murray Smith 9-2 C Rutter 95
206 (12) 322150 WISHAM 13 (G) (P Goulandris) B Hanbury 9-0 A McGlone 92
207 (15) 521031 SHARAAR 20 (G,S) (A Al Jaben) W Haggas 8-13 J Reid 92
208 (4) 301041 POLAR STORM 15 (C,D,F,G,S) (Dexam Ltd) Lady Herries 8-12 J Williams 95
209 (14) 05513 AWESTRIKE 16 (D,BF,F) (G Ohrstrom) Mrs J Cecil 8-10 Paul Eddery 95
210 (8) 034000 SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 16 (B) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-9 W Newnes 99
211 (1) 605102 DUTOSKY 20 (BF,F,G,S) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 8-7 A Munro 93
212 (2) 5455-00 PISTOL 27 (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 8-5 D Holland 87
213 (6) 00263 BELFRY GREEN 23 (J Kelsey-Fry) C Horgan 8-4 C Asmussen 91
214 (7) 1334-51 KNOBBLEENEEZE 18 (V,D,F,G) (A Andrews) M Channon 8-0 J Quinn 94
215 (3) 000610 WAHEM 15 (D,F) (C Brittain) C Brittain 7-12 D Wright (5) 97

BETTING: 11-2 Awestrike, 7-1 Belfry Green, Fourforfun, Naif, 8-1 Polar Storm, 12-1 Carelaman, Clouded Elegance, 14-1 Dutosky, Knobbleeneeze, Sharaar, Wahem, 16-1 Norfolk Hero, Seasonal Splendour, 20-1 others.
1992: JAHANGIR 8-12 L Piggott (7-1) B Hanbury 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

NAIF beat Red Cotton 2l in 11-runner handicap at Thirsk (1m, good). FOURFORFUN about 1l 4th of 10 to Teshami in handicap at Haydock (1m, good to soft). SHARAAR beat Principal Player 1l in 8-runner handicap at Ayr (1m 2l, soft). POLAR STORM beat CARELAMAN (6lb better off) 2½l in handicap at Salisbury (1m, good). AWESTRIKE 2½l 3rd of 19 to Court Minstrel in handicap at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). DUTOSKY 2½l 2nd of 4 to May Hills Legacy in handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, good to soft). BELFRY GREEN head and 1l 3rd of 10 to Play Hever Golf in handicap at Kempton (7f, good). WAHEM beat Kingchip Boy 2l in 10-runner handicap at Brighton (1m, firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: WAHEM

3.10 BUTLIN'S SOUTHCOAST WORLD PRESTIGE STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O fillies: £17,300: 7f) (6 runners) BBC2

301 (4) 1 GLATISANT 35 (G) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-9 M Hills 99
302 (1) 0 GREAT TRIVIALITY 20 (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-9 Paul Eddery 83
303 (6) 11124 MILD REBUKE 13 (F,G,S) (P Player) D Loder 8-9 L Dettori 93
304 (2) 33 SONG OF YEARS 20 (Shaikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum) J Hills 8-9 B Raymond 86
305 (5) 016 SPOT PRIZE 20 (G) (J Smith) D Elsworth 8-9 R Cochrane 84
306 (3) 531 WILD PLANET 16 (F) (S Niarchos) R Charlton 8-9 C Asmussen 90

BETTING: 4-7 Glatisant, 5-2 Wild Planet, 7-1 Mild Rebuke 14-1 Song Of Years, 16-1 Spot Prize, 20-1 Great Triviality
1992: LOVE OF SILVER 8-9 M Roberts (9-11) C Brittain 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

GLATISANT beat Blue Siren 5l in 8-runner maiden at Ascot (6f, good). MILD REBUKE 5½l 4th of 7 to Petula in listed race at Newbury (5f, good to firm). SONG OF YEARS 1l 3rd of 10 to Fairy Heights in listed race at Newmarket (7f, good to firm), with SPOT PRIZE about ½l 6th and GREAT TRIVIALITY ½l 7th.
WILD PLANET beat Astral Weeks 8l in 9-runner maiden at Salisbury (6f, good to firm).
Selection: GLATISANT

3.40 FURNITURE VILLAGE TROPHY HANDICAP (£7,895: 1m 4f) (11 runners) BBC2

401 (7) 6-30311 PRINCE HANNIBAL 58 (CD,F,G) (D Hunnicett) J Dunlop 6-10-0 J Reid 90
402 (6) 02-3233 AL SENAFI 28 (Sultan Mohammed) L Cumani 9-8 R Cochrane 96
403 (11) 41-5623 ALMAMZAR 41 (F) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-9-7 B Raymond 98
404 (3) 345341 HARD TASK 13 (D,G) (J Rowles) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-0 Paul Eddery 99
405 (5) 133542 MARROS MILL 27 (V,D,G,S) (A Simpson) M Bell 3-8-12 M Hills 94
406 (2) 4-51245 CROMARTY 20 (D,BF,S) (Sir David Wills) H Cecil 3-8-11 A McGlone 94
407 (1) 032-06 ROBENKO 20 (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-8-11 L Dettori 92
408 (9) 1-11403 EL VOLADOR 16 (CD,BF,F,G) (I Baker) R O'Sullivan 6-8-9 J Quinn 93
409 (8) 001-55 KIMBERLEY BOY 35 (S) (Mrs A Silver) B Hills 3-8-9 D Holland 94
410 (10) 012231 GENERAL MOUKTAR 13 (D,F,G) (A Helalesh) M Pipe 3-8-7 C Asmussen 94
411 (4) 142421 DAY OF HISTORY 27 (CD,G,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-3 W Newnes 94

BETTING: 9-2 General Mouktar, 5-1 Al Senafi, 11-2 Kimberley Boy, 7-1 Hard Task, 8-1 El Volador, 10-1 Almamzar, Cromarty, Prince Hannibal, 12-1 Day Of History, 14-1 Marros Mill, Robenko
1992: TOP ROYAL 3-9-3 B Crossley (14-1) J Dunlop 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRINCE HANNIBAL beat Lake Poopo ¾l in 6-runner handicap at Warwick (1m 4f 115yd, firm) AL SENAFI about 1l 3rd of 18 to Western Cape in handicap here (1m 2l, good to soft). ALMAZAR 2l 3rd of 10 to Darnstadt in handicap at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good). HARD TASK beat Jubran 6l in 15-runner handicap at Ripon (1m 4l 60yd, good). EL VOLADOR 3¾l 3rd of 9 to Bobbysoxer in handicap at Salisbury (1m 4l, good to firm). KIMBERLEY BOY about 4¾l 5th of 15 to Moscow Sea in handicap at Ascot (1m 3l, good). GENERAL MOUKTAR beat Chatham Island 1½l in 10-runner handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good to firm). DAY OF HISTORY beat MARROS MILL ¾l in 6-runner handicap over course and distance (good to soft).
Selection: AL SENAFI

4.10 HORSE RACING ABROAD CLAIMING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,366: 1m 2f) (11 runners) BBC2

501 (1) 060040 ABERDEEN HEATHER 8 (D,G) (H Cayzer) D Elsworth 9-7 C Asmussen 92
502 (10) 3-36320 COMPLETE MADNESS 30 (C Wright) J Hills 9-7 D Holland 99
503 (4) 32056 MORSTOCK 24 (Mrs M Fairbairn) R Hodges 8-12 S Drowne (7) 95
504 (6) 450232 TROPICAL JUNGLE 13 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-10 J D Smith (7) 94
505 (2) 016533 LOCHORE 18 (C,G) (L Devine) R Ingram 8-10 A Tucker 91
506 (5) 045511 LEGAL ARTIST 34 (F,G) (T Briam) N Graham 8-6 B Raymond 90
507 (7) 043000 BROUGHTONS FORMULA 23 (D,G) W Musson 8-3 D McCabe (5) 98
508 (11) 4060-04 DARING KING 27 (T Rowley) G Prichard-Gordon 7-13 A McGlone 89
509 (3) 020103 MEDLAND 2 (F) (G Jackman) D Wilson 7-12 A Munro 91
510 (8) 042002 MALZETA 11 (K Goess-Saurau) M Heaton-Ellis 7-10 D Wright (5) 93
511 (9) 0431 SLOE BRANDY 11 (G) (Lady Fairhaven) M Prescott 7-7 (4ex) J Quinn 97

BETTING: 3-1 Sloe Brandy, 9-2 Legal Artist, 6-1 Malzeta, 7-1 Tropical Jungle, 8-1 Medland, 10-1 Aberdeen Heather, Morstock, 12-1 Complete Madness, 14-1 Lochore, 16-1 Broughton's Formula, Daring King
1992: BO KNOWS BEST 7-9 A Tucker (7-4 fav) J Sutcliffe 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

COMPLETE MADNESS 1l 2nd of 4 to John's Act in maiden at Chepstow (1m 2l, soft) on penultimate start TROPICAL JUNGLE neck 2nd of 7 to Dashing Fellow in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) LOCHORE 3½l 3rd of 11 to Knobbleeneeze in handicap at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm). LEGAL ARTIST beat Swift Silver head in 14-runner handicap at Warwick (1m 3l, good). DARING KING about 1¾l 4th of 21 to Falland in selling handicap at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm), with MALZETA (2lb better off) 8¼l 11th. MEDLAND 7l 3rd of 17 to Kelemulu in amateur riders' handicap at Brighton (1m 2f, good to firm) SLOE BRANDY beat Drumdonna 2½l in 12-runner selling handicap at Hamilton (1m 1f, good).
Selection: TROPICAL JUNGLE

4.45 SOUTHERNPRINT MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,392: 6f) (20 runners)

601 (16) 0 BALLYMORRIS 21 (J Long) B Meehan 9-0 Paul Eddery 66
602 (8) 060 CURE CRUSADER 20 (Express Marie Curie Racing Club) J Berry 9-0 B Crossley 64
603 (20) GOLD'N SHROUD (N Fyler) T Thomson Jones 9-0 W Newnes –
604 (3) GREATEST HOPES (B Hager) C Benstead 9-0 C Rutter –
605 (4) 5 JUDGE DREAD 48 (J Smith) J Eustace 9-0 R Cochrane 76
606 (10) KEFAHI (K Dasmal) A Scott 9-0 J Quinn –
607 (5) MAZIRAH (A Scheil) P Makin 9-0 T Sprake –
608 (7) 0340 MERLIN'S FIELD 23 (D Caruth) R Hannon 9-0 L Dettori 85
609 (11) 5 NORDANCE PRINCE 27 (P Fink) D Wilson 9-0 D McCabe (5) 74
610 (14) 0 NOTHING TO WEAR 28 (P Trant) M Channon 9-0 Lorna Vincent 74
611 (9) 40 PADDY'S RICE 32 (Mrs R Wellman) L Holt 9-0 A McGlone 62
612 (17) 0 PAPPA'S PET 60 (P Winfield) J Dunlop 9-0 M Hills –
613 (6) 04 PLATINI 15 (Highflyers) R Hannon 9-0 J Reid 83
614 (19) 3 SMOOTH HOUND 16 (P Bowditch) B Hills 9-0 D Holland 74
615 (2) 80 SOUTHERN RIDGE 58 (BF) (B Brown) D Elsworth 9-0 J Williams 84
616 (13) 55 STORM SHIP 9 (J Strauss) A Scott 9-0 B Raymond 86
617 (12) 2 ARNDILLY 9 (Olympic Racing) C Egerton 8-9 C Asmussen 99
618 (18) 5 BILLIE GREY 41 (R Dalton) J Scargill 8-9 G Hind 77
619 (15) CO PILOT (D Larke) M Jarvis 8-9 A Munro –
620 (1) 00 ROCKSTINE 39 (J Morton) P Mitchell 8-9 S O'Gorman –

BETTING: 2-1 Amdilly, 7-1 Smooth Hound, 8-1 Judge Dread, Platini, 10-1 Pappa's Pet, 12-1 Storm Ship, Southern Ridge, 14-1 Kefahi, 20-1 Ballymorris, Cure Crusader, 25-1 others.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.20 WEST DEAN MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,020: 1m 2f) (17 runners)

1 (8) 52 ADMIRAL'S WELL 41 (BF) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 B Crossley 73
2 (4) 46 CUFF LINK 18 (Lord Weinstock) W Hern 9-0 J Reid 73
3 (9) 00 DARK DEN 18 (G Ohrstrom) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 C Asmussen 79
4 (11) 0 DINNER AT EIGHT 8 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 J Williams –
5 (1) 00 MAASHAI LAWM 120 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 9-0 K Rutter (5) 65
6 (14) 03 OLD RED 106 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 A Munro 73
7 (5) TOUJOURS RIVIERA (J Pearce) G Wragg 9-0 M Hills –
8 (2) 6 WEPY 22 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 W Newnes –
9 (17) 123 WINTER FOREST 18 (BF,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 A McGlone 93
10 (15) 34 ARVOLA 18 (BF) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-9 G Hind 76
11 (3) 5 BOMBLET 16 (T Holland-Martin) R Johnson Houghton 8-9 L Dettori 85
12 (16) DARRERY (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-9 R Cochrane –
13 (6) 624 LIKE THE SUN 16 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-9 B Raymond 92
14 (13) 530 PEACHES POLLY 31 (W Gredley) N Wright 8-9 Paul Eddery 99
15 (10) 60 SEATTLE AFFAIR 7 (H Shipton) R Rowe 8-9 J Quinn –
16 (12) 0 SWORD SAIL 135 (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 8-9 D Holland –
17 (7) 0-0 YELLOW RATTLE 137 (Mrs H Dalgety) W Hern 8-9 NON-RUNNER –

BETTING: 11-4 Winter Forest, 5-1 Peaches Polly, 6-1 Admiral's Well, 8-1 Like The Sun, 10-1 Bomblet, Darrery, Old Red, 12-1 Arvola, Sword Sail, 14-1 Dark Den, 16-1 others.
1992: HAMEEM 9-0 R Hills (5-2) A Scott 7 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	25	78	32.1	D Holland	15	68	22.1
J Eustace	4	16	25.0	M Hills	20	100	20.0
R Charlton	7	29	24.1	A Munro	23	121	19.0
D Wilson	11	47	23.4	B Crossley	3	16	18.8
J Gosden	16	76	21.1	B Raymond	14	80	17.5
L Cumani	16	78	20.5	J Reid	34	198	17.2

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER
2.00 Festin. 2.35 Innishowen. 3.05 Peerage Prince. 3.35 King's Signet. 4.05 COLLIER BAY (nap). 4.35 Forest Gazelle. 5.05 Barbaroja.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.05 COLLIER BAY.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.35 King's Signet. 4.05 Dreams End.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 BEAUFORT SELLING HANDICAP (£4,106: 7f) (30 runners)

1 (24) 520305 POP TO STANS 20 (B,D,F,G) (D Maden) J Pearce 4-10-0 J Tate (5) 96
2 (5) 042502 MOGWAI 8 (V,G) (A Pye-Jeary) R Johnson Houghton 4-9-11 S Whitworth 98
3 (26) 60500-6 ANOTHER VINTAGE 13J (Compton Society) P Cundell 4-9-9 D Griffiths (7) –
4 (12) 510050 FIVEOFIVE 8 (F) (T Foreman) N Callaghan 3-9-9 Pat Eddery 93
5 (25) 001300 OUR SHADEE 16 (V,F) (K Ivory) K Ivory 3-9-7 M Wigham 92
6 (4) 241540 VILAMAR 14 (D,F) (Pleasant Racing Club) E Alston 3-9-7 K Fallon 96
7 (1) 563540 TEE GEE JAY 8 (S) (Future Electrical Services Ltd) C Williams 3-9-4 D Harrison (3) 90
8 (2) 054302 GUESSTIMATION 17 (B) (Ounect Partnership) J Pearce 4-9-4 G Bardwell 93
9 (6) 350056 DEAD CALM 20 (V,S) (Mrs S Brook) C Tinkler 3-9-2 M Tebbutt 93
10 (28) 544030 CLEAR LOOK 24 (B,BF) (S Crown) P Cole 3-9-2 T Quinn 98
11 (15) 0-00205 CUDDLY DATE 8 (G) (Mrs A Thom) D Thom 3-9-1 L Piggott 92
12 (9) 000615 CRAIGIE BOY 8 (G) (C Tomkins) N Bycroft 3-9-1 (5ex) G Duffield 92
13 (27) 060 RIVA ROCK 35 (Lord Rowallan) W Musson 3-8-13 G Faulkner (7) 93
14 (7) 200050 FESTIN 17 (B) (J McMurdo) P Haslam 3-8-12 W Ryan 95
15 (17) 500000 BLOWING 44 (G Harwood) G Harwood 3-8-11 Gaye Harwood (7) 91
16 (13) 250-035 MAN OF THE SEASON 17 (Galley Textiles Ltd) J Akehurst 4-8-11 W Carson 92
17 (11) 060030 SABO'S EXPRESS 4 (D,G) (M Young) R Williams 3-8-10 D Biggs 95
18 (25) 050-003 BAN RI 23 (A Neaves) J Fitch-Heyes 3-8-10 F Norton 87
19 (19) 00-4035 ALMONTY 10 (B) (A Saphir) T Mills 3-8-10 M Roberts 92
20 (23) 344515 WORKINGFORPEANUTS 23 (V,D,F) (J Craves) C Smith 3-8-9 NON-RUNNER –
21 (22) 545055 FRIENDLY SMILE 37 (V) (Mrs J Barry) G Eden 3-8-9 C Hodgson (3) 94
22 (14) 0-00530 LITTLE PARK 17 (Mrs S Stevens) C Williams 4-8-9 P Robinson 93
23 (5) 200462 BASSIO 2 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Darby) C Allen 4-8-9 W Hood 94
24 (16) 000500 DANDY DESIRE 42 (V) (G Whitaker) B Morgan 4-8-7 S D Williams (3) 88
25 (3) 640056 THATCHED 9 (B) (J Ripponi) C Wall 3-8-7 N Day 94
26 (10) 450002 VIKING WATERS 20 (B) (Northern Partnership 1993) B Beasley 3-8-6 N Kennedy (3) 99
27 (20) 00-6006 RIVER FIRE 23 (B) (B Sim) J Wharton 3-8-5 N Adams 88
28 (21) 500C50- ALTO PRINCESS 204 (T Weller) A Jones 4-8-5 R Price 80
29 (23) 052036 BOLD LINE 16 (B) (Mrs M Haslam) P Haslam 3-8-3 N Carlisle 95
30 (12) 000-600 ARAGONA 87 (D,S) (P Cundell) P Cundell 4-8-2 Martin Dwyer (7) 89

BETTING: 9-1 Clear Look, 10-1 Fiveofive, Guesstimation, Viking Waters, 11-1 Bold Line, 12-1 Almonty, Friendly Smile, 14-1 Mogwai, Craigie Boy, Festin, 16-1 Bassio, Man Of The Season, 20-1 others
1992: LORD VIVIENNE 3-9-6 T Quinn (9-4) P Cole 12 ran

2.35 PORT OF TILBURY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,662: 7f) (28 runners) C4

1 (2) AHSANT MTOTO (A Al Shafar) R Armstrong 9-0 R Price –
2 (10) 0 BRAVE PATRIARCH 28 (P Winfield) J Dunlop 9-0 G Duffield 80
3 (4) CHILLY LAD (D Bell) M Ryan 9-0 P McCabe (7) –
4 (22) 0 CONVOY POINT 13 (Sultan Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 K Fallon –
5 (12) FLORID (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan –
6 (1) HAVE IT READY (A Pye-Jeary) J Dunlop 9-0 S Dawson –
7 (27) 52 INNISHOWEN 21 (C Kavanagh) R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery 99
8 (23) IRISH SENOR (A Chidley) J Banks 9-0 L Newton (5) –
9 (9) 6 JUST FLAMENCO 112 (Mrs S Martin) M Ryan 9-0 D Biggs –
10 (20) KINDERGARTEN BOY (Mrs J Root) R Boss 9-0 W Carson –
11 (7) 050 MENTMORE LAD 37 (P Elson) N Callaghan 9-0 M Wigham –
12 (19) MUCH TOO CLEVER (The MTC Partnership) D Morley 9-0 S Whitworth –
13 (15) PLUB (P Cunningham) J Pearce 9-0 G Bardwell –
14 (8) 00 PLUM DENNIS 18 (Mrs D Benjamin) N Bycroft 9-0 T Rogers –
15 (24) RINGMASTER (D Fisher) M Tompkins 9-0 P Robinson –
16 (25) RISING SPRAY (The Elite Team) P Harris 9-0 F Norton –
17 (13) RIVER JUNCTION (C Bollman) P Haslam 9-0 N Carlisle –
18 (28) ROMAN CAMP (A Richards) C Brittain 9-0 B Doyle (3) –
19 (14) 02 RUPAN 16 (A Ali) B Hanbury 9-0 W R Swinburn 93
20 (5) SADLER'S IMAGE (Saeed Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 M Roberts –
21 (26) 0 SAPORE DI SALE 41 (Gerecon Italia) J Dunlop 9-0 N Adams –
22 (17) 6 SHOOFK 21 (A Al Jaben) Mrs L Piggott 9-0 L Piggott 87
23 (21) STOLLER (Dr H Baker) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 T Quinn –
24 (11) TRANS SIBERIA (H Laska) S Woods 9-0 W Woods –
25 (3) 0 UNPREJUDICE 15 (W Gredley) N Wright 9-0 V Smith –
26 (18) VIRTUAL REALITY (Mrs S Collier) A Hide 9-0 D Harrison (3) –
27 (16) CLOUDY GEM (Mrs V Paxton) Bob Jones 8-9 N Day –
28 (6) TREE OF HEAVEN (Lord Halifax) D Morley 8-9 M Tebbutt –

BETTING: 7-2 Innishowen, 9-2 Sadler's Image, 5-1 Florid, 8-1 Brave Patriarch, Shoofk, 10-1 others.
1992: EMPEROR JONES 9-0 R Cochrane (4-1) J Gosden 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRAVE PATRIARCH 14l 7th of 12 to Escarpment in a maiden at Goodwood (7f, good to soft) INNISHOWEN neck 2nd of 16 to Hawker Hunter in a maiden over course and distance (good to firm) with SHOOFK 5½l 6th. RUPAN ¾l 2nd of 17 to Charity Crusader in a maiden at Beverley (7f 100yd good to firm) with UNPREJUDICE 11½l 14th. SADLER'S IMAGE (Apr 8). Half-brother by Sadler's Wells to useful 7f-1m winner Mizaaya.
Selection: RUPAN

3.05 BAXI SOLO APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£4,893: 6f) (18 runners) C4

1 (1) 045050 ANOTHER JADE 9 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Kaplan) A Jarvis 3-9-10 G McGrath (5) 93
2 (17) 005130 PETRACO 24 (D,G,S) (B Hampson) N Smith 5-9-9 S D Williams 91
3 (11) 152531 GREAT HALL 14 (B,D,G) (P Cundell) P Cundell 4-9-8 D Griffiths (5) 93
4 (18) 001112 ROCA MURADA 21 (CD,G,S) (T Corby) M Ryan 4-9-5 P McCabe (3) 95
5 (9) 544254 PEERAGE PRINCE 10 (B,D,F,G) (D Hobbs) Pat Mitchell 4-9-1 N Kennedy 96
6 (4) 303005 MARTINOSKY 21 (D,F,G) (D Clark) G Bravery 7-8-12 C Hodgson 94
7 (16) 0030 SCENT OF POWER 38 (BF) (G Eden) G Eden 3-8-9 Michael Denaro (3) 86
8 (7) 040410 LADY SABO 28 (D,F) (J Purcell) R Spicer 4-8-9 M Fenton 90
9 (10) 0-00000 GENERAL JOHN 8 (G) (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 4-8-8 C Adamson (5) 84
10 (12) 004141 ASTERIX 13 (D,F,G) (C Hunt) J Bradley 5-8-5 Mark Denaro (3) 90
11 (15) 010050 ELTON LEDGER 17 (B,D,F,G) (A Scott) A Scott 4-8-6 J Tate 98
12 (8) 000051 BEATLE SONG 8 (D,F,G) (C Hill) C Hill 5-8-4 (5ex) D Harrison 95
13 (13) 166222 MU-ARRIK 3 (D,BF,F) (M Burrowes) B Beasley 5-8-3 F Norton 99
14 (2) 4050-00 BALLYHAYS 20 (R Davey) R Akehurst 4-8-2 B Russell (3) –
15 (3) 003600 LEIGH CROFTER 20 (B,G) (P Cundell) P Cundell 4-8-0 Martin Dwyer (5) 91
16 (5) 612352 BRIGHT PARAGON 35 (S) (D Cooper) H Collingridge 4-7-12 C Hawksley (3) 92
17 (14) 45540-0 RESTORE 36 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs L Philpott) R Flower 10-7-7 B Doyle 88
18 (6) 50-5230 FARNDALE 23 (J Hulme) B Morgan 6-7-7 N Varley (3) 89

Long handicap: Farndale 7-4
BETTING: 7-1 Roca Murada, 8-1 Great Hall, Peerage Prince, 9-1 Beatle Song, 10-1 Bright Paragon, Mu-Arrik, 12-1 Lady Sabo, Elton Ledger, 14-1 Asterix, Martinocky, 16-1 Restore, 20-1 others.
1992: VAGUE DANCER 6-8-12 Stephen Davies (11-2) Mrs J Ramsden 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREAT HALL beat Domulla 1½l in a 10-runner apprentice jockeys' handicap at Newbury (6f, good). ROCA MURADA ¾l 2nd of 11 to Samsolom in a handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with ANOTHER JADE (3lb better off) 6¼l 8th. PEERAGE PRINCE about 2¼l 4th of 23 to How's Yer Father in a handicap at York (6f, good to soft). ASTERIX beat Sobering Thoughts ½l in a 15-runner apprentice jockeys' handicap at Ripon (6f, good). BEATLE SONG beat Belmont Princess 4l in 12-runner handicap at Yarmouth (6f, good). MU-ARRIK neck 2nd of 16 to Karusia in an apprentice jockeys' handicap at Pontefract (6f, good).
Selection: PEERAGE PRINCE

3.35 HOPEFUL STAKES (Listed race: £9,855: 6f) (9 runners) C4

1 (1) 423432 MONTENDRE 20 (CD,F,G) (D Mort) M McCormack 6-9-6 P Gilson 88
2 (4) 16-1145 SPLICE 42 (CD,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 4-9-1 Pat Eddery 88
3 (5) 601012 STACK ROCK 32 (CD,F,G,S) (Castle Racing) E Alston 6-9-1 K Fallon 93
4 (7) 1000-11 KING'S SIGNET 27 (D,F,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-0 M Roberts 99
5 (6) 3-42350 GARAH 29 (CD,F,G) (Prince A Faisal) H Cecil 4-8-12 W Ryan 96
6 (3) 004400 STAR FAMILY FRIEND 20 (D,F,G,S) M Tompkins 3-8-11 P Robinson 76
7 (2) 00-5304 ARABELLAJILL 14 (CD,BF,F,G) (Mrs J Cash) R Hannon 4-8-9 T Quinn 88
8 (9) 1-4110 SIWAAYIB 14 (CD,G,S) (M Al-Maktoum) A Scott 3-8-5 W R Swinburn 84
9 (8) 155 WAFFLE ON 15 (CD,G) (T Holland-Martin) J Fanshawe 3-8-5 G Duffield 82

BETTING: 5-4 King's Signet, 9-2 Splice, 6-1 Montendre, Garah, 10-1 Siwaayib, 12-1 others.
1992: ROSE INDIEN 3-8-8 L Dettori (12-1) M Moubarak 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

MONTENDRE 1½l 3rd of 11 to Catrail in a listed race at Newbury (6f, good) on penultimate start with SPLICE about 1½l 5th and STAR FAMILY FRIEND 5½l 8th. STACK ROCK 2l 2nd of 3 to Lucky Parkes in a conditions race at Newcastle (5l, good to firm). KING'S SIGNET beat Hard To Figure 1½l in a 29-runner handicap at Goodwood (6f, good to soft) with ARABELLAJILL (2lb worse off) 3l 9th. SIWAAYIB beat Sheila's Secret 1½l in an 8-runner conditions race over course and distance (good) on penultimate start.
Selection: KING'S SIGNET (nap)

4.05 BREHENY HANDICAP (£6,004: 1m 6f 175yd) (9 runners) C4

1 (4) 220033 DREAMS END 8 (C,G,S) (T Price) J Scargill 5-9-10 L Piggott 93
2 (6) 410002 REQUESTED 35 (F,G) (G Beccle) R Akehurst 6-9-8 T Quinn 86
3 (2) 010230 MULL HOUSE 21 (C,F,G) (M Lowry) F O'Mahony 6-9-5 W R Swinburn 85
4 (8) 563113 MY PATRIARCH 28 (F) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 3-9-5 W Carson 87
5 (6) 0213 VISHNU 18 (F) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 3-9-4 W Ryan 81
6 (9) 000111 BOLD RESOLUTION 14 (C,F,G,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 5-9-0 Pat Eddery 84
7 (3) 162 NORTHERN BOUND 16 (F) (Shaikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) W Hern 3-8-12 M Roberts 86
8 (1) 334261 COLLIER BAY 8 (G) (Lord Derby) J Gosden 3-8-1 (4ex) D Harrison (3) 99
9 (7) 303145 MODEST HOPE 20 (F,G) (J McManamon) B Richmond 6-7-13 D Biggs 88

BETTING: 9-4 Collier Bay, 4-1 My Patriarch, 5-1 Bold Resolution, 8-1 Northern Bound, Requested, 9-1 Vishnu, 12-1 Dreams End, 14-1 Mull House, 16-1 Modest Hope.
1992: ENCORE UNE FOIS 3-8-9 Paul Eddery (6-1) P Chapple-Hyam 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

DREAMS END 3¼l 3rd of 21 to Sarawat in a handicap at York (1m 6f, good). MY PATRIARCH 5l 3rd of 12 to Little Hammer in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 6l, good to soft). VISHNU 7½l 3rd of 5 to Tomos in a conditions race at Thirsk (1m 4l, good). BOLD RESOLUTION beat REQUESTED (18lb better off) 3l in a 12-runner handicap at Ascot (2m, good) NORTHERN BOUND ¾l 2nd of 9 to Bobbysoxer in a handicap at Salisbury (1m 4l, good to firm). COLLIER BAY beat Pai Or Else 3l in a 10-runner maiden at Salisbury (1m 6f, good)
Selection: MY PATRIARCH

4.35 BLUE PETER STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,427: 6f) (4 runners)

1 (1) 413 BATTLING BLUE 18 (G) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 9-1 W R Swinburn 87
2 (3) 1 FOREST GAZELLE 27 (CD,G) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-1 Pat Eddery 98
3 (2) 311 FRIENDLY CHAMP 3 (D,F,G) (Dr M Yeh) R Armstrong 9-1 R Price 99
4 (4) 0 FOURTH OF JUNE 21 (Lord Tavistock) C Brittain 8-11 M Roberts –

BETTING: 4-6 Forest Gazelle, 3-1 Friendly Champ, 4-1 Battling Blue, 16-1 Fourth Of June.
1992: LOST SOLDIER 9-5 L Dettori (Evens fav) L Cumani 9 ran

5.05 SAXHAM NURSERY (2-Y-O: £5,174: 1m) (14 runners)

1 (6) 00261 DUTY TIME 13 (F) (A Ison) J Dunlop 9-7 W Carson 88
2 (8) 4533 BONAIGUA 16 (K Buchanan) G Harwood 9-6 Pat Eddery 86
3 (14) 2312 BARBAROJA 10 (BF,G) (M de Morzalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-3 W R Swinburn 99
4 (1) 426 YAWARA 20 (BF) (Y Ito) C Brittain 9-1 M Roberts 93
5 (13) 4453 JASARI 27 (The Winning Team) R Hannon 9-0 Mark Denaro (7) 91
6 (9) 1140 SAWTID 27 (F) (J Leisure Ltd) D Morris 8-11 C Hodgson (3) 87
7 (12) 3044 SHARP TYCOON 27 (P O'Sullivan) B Meehan 8-10 B Doyle (3) 95
8 (3) 001240 HEATHCLIFF 13 (V,C,F) (E Parsons) K Ivory 8-9 M Wigham 97
9 (7) 202 ARZ 27 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-8 N Carlisle 92
10 (11) 144102 LEAP OF FAITH 13 (V,G) (J Purcell) Miss G Kelleway 8-5 T Quinn 91
11 (4) 6522 MOMENT OF GLORY 37 (BF) (D Johnson) R Williams 8-5 D Biggs 88
12 (10) 005646 STRADISHALL 13 (B) (D Wong) G Bravery 7-13 D Harrison (3) 92
13 (2) 04034 CHIEF EXECUTIVE 29 (Y Nasib) N Callaghan 7-11 N Adams 96
14 (5) 563450 BERNIE'S SISTER 15 (J Lewis) C Allen 7-7 G Bardwell 97

BETTING: 7-2 Barbaroja, 9-2 Duty Time, 5-1 Bonaigua, 6-1 Arz, 8-1 Jasari, 10-1 Moment Of Glory, 12-1 others.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
T Mills	3	8	37.5	N Varley	4	12	33.3
W Hern	20	91	22.0	Pat Eddery	87	476	18.3
H Cecil	70	321	21.8	W R Swinburn	62	381	16.3
R Charlton	11	59	18.6	W Carson	82	537	15.3
M Stoute	50	276	18.1	L Piggott	20	154	13.0
P Cole	19	106	17.9	M Roberts	60	515	11.7

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THUNDERER
2.20 Hickleton Lady. 2.50 Provence. 3.20 Hasty Bank. 3.50 Clever Minstrel. 4.20 Sweet Temptation. 4.50 First Play.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.20 JAMES LAMBIE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,036: 7f) (16 runners)

1 4312 LAUREL ROMEO 32 (F) J Berry 9-3 J Carroll 9
2 160 DUNDEELIN 14 (S) R Bastiman 8-12 Dale Gibson 16
3 50 FREE TYSON 130 J Wainwright 8-11 S Maloney (3) 5
4 3634 GAELIC STAR 15 R Hollinshead 8-11 S Perks 11
5 NOWT SPOILING M Ellerby 8-11 S Morris 8
6 0400 SONIC 9 (B) M W Easterby 8-11 T Lucas 3
7 6633 WINGS AHEAD 38 T Fairhurst 8-11 N Connorton 14
8 43 WINNING LINE 13 M H Easterby 8-11 M Birch 7
9 00 CRANFIELD CHARGER 34 M W Easterby 8-6 L Charnock 1
10 00 GLENLYON DUCHESS 43 Miss L Perratt 8-6 J Weaver 10
11 GYPSOPHILA Miss L Perratt 8-6 J Fanning 12
12 242 HICKLETON LADY 29 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 8-6 K Darley 4
13 0023 MARBLE 11 D Moffatt 8-6 Darren Moffatt (5) 6
14 000 MINIBAR 17 J Wainwright 8-6 A Mackay 13
15 5 MONKEY WENCH 20 J Berry 8-6 J Fortune 2
16 0 POLHYMNIA 46 B Hills 8-6 R Hills 15

7-2 Winning Line, 4-1 Hickleton Lady, 6-1 Laurel Romeo, Polhymnia, 7-1 Marble, 8-1 Monkey Wench, 10-1 Gaelic Star, Gypsophila, 20-1 others

2.50 DOUG MOSCROP HANDICAP (£3,552: 2m) (11)

1 4123 PROVENCE 21 (D,F) P Harris 6-9-12 M Birch 6
2 6005 PHILGUN 7 (V,F,S) C W C Elsey 4-9-1 S Maloney (3) 4
3 00-0 ROLLING THE BONES 13 (S) M Naughton 4-8-12 J Weaver 8
4 2206 SALU 4 (C,F,G,S) J Etherington 4-8-6 J Carroll 2
5 1216 POST IMPRESSIONIST 10 (D,G) J Harris 4-8-4 K Darley 5
6 1320 KAYARTIS 7 (D,BF,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-3 J Lowe 1
7 605/ BALLAD RULER 83J P Pritchard 7-7-11 T Williams 10
8 1216 HASTA LA VISTA 20 (B,BF,F,G) M W Easterby 3-7-9 L Charnock 7
9 0040 MASTER OF THE ROCK 91 Mrs P Barker 4-7-9 S Wood 11
10 6315 DESERT LAUGHTER 41 (F) R Hollinshead 3-7-7 A Mackay 3
11 20-0 SEXY MOVER 38 (D,F) W Storey 6-7-7 J Fanning 9

7-2 Provence, 9-2 Philgun, 5-1 Salu, Post Impressionist, 6-1 Hasta La Vista, 7-1 Kayartis, 20-1 Master Of The Rock, 33-1 others.

3.20 RAY GILPIN NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,158: 6f) (9)

1 1446 WOO 22 (G) M Tompkins 9-7 S Mulvey (7) 8
2 16 POTSCLOSE 30 (CD,F) M Johnston 9-5 T Williams 3
3 3330 SPRING LOADED 17 Mrs M Reveley 9-1 K Darley 1
4 D42 FOUR OF SPADES 42 B Beasley 8-9 J Fortune 2
5 3334 HASTY BANK 15 Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-7 J Lowe 7
6 5333 BATIEN'S RIVER 119 P Haslam 8-6 Dale Gibson 5
7 2050 JOHNNIE THE JOKER 15 (V) J Leigh 8-5 J Weaver 9
8 0005 MERISSA 14 M W Easterby 8-2 L Charnock 6
9 3500 FORREST MASTER 15 Miss L Perratt 7-11 J Fanning 4

3-1 Four Of Spades, 4-1 Hasty Bank, 5-1 Spring Loaded, 6-1 Woo, Potsclose, 8-1 Merissa, 10-1 Batien's River, Johnnie The Joker, 16-1 Forrest Master.

3.50 MATT SEYMOUR APPRENTICE RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,534: 7f) (5)

1 5533 CLEVER MINSTREL 34 G Harwood 9-0 P Houghton (5) 5
2 3364 NOBLE MEASURE 27 (B) S Bowring 9-0 G Strange (5) 1
3 0000 WOODLANDS ELECTRIC 18J (V) P Pritchard 9-0 M Baird (5) 4
4 2063 CITY TIMES 14 B McMahon 8-9 S Sanders 3
5 8-46 SARAH HEIGHTS 77 Miss L Siddall 8-9 V Halliday 2

4-5 Clever Minstrel, 2-1 City Times, 6-1 Noble Measure, 7-1 Sarah Heights, 100-1 Woodlands Electric.

4.20 EBF VICTOR GREEN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,628: 6f) (10)

1 665 BLAIN 9 J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 3
2 440 DINOT 23 R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 9
3 0 DURANO 71 M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch 6
4 HARPHAM HERO C Tinkler 9-0 J Lowe 4
5 RIMUS MAJOR D McCain 9-0 J Weaver 10
6 6 SURPRISE GUEST 22 M Johnston 9-0 T Williams 8
7 46 SUSHI BAR 25 Mrs M Reveley 9-0 K Darley 7
8 5 FAWAAKEH 14 B Armstrong 8-9 R Hills 5
9 SHARWAN M Camacho 8-9 N Connorton 1
10 5 SWEET TEMPTATION 28 P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 Stephen Davies (5) 2

6-4 Sweet Temptation, 2-1 Fawaakeh, 10-1 Blain, Dinot, 12-1 Sushi Bar, Surprise Guest, 14-1 Sharwan, 16-1 Durano, 33-1 others.

4.50 JOHN MORGAN HANDICAP (£3,786: 5f) (17)

1 0223 SINGING STAR 9 (CD,F) J Balding 7-10-0 Claire Balding (7) 15
2 0250 BALLAD DANCER 6 (D,F,G,S) P Calver 8-10-0 M Birch 14
3 3125 HERE COMES A STAR 9 (D,BF,F,G) J Carr 5-9-13 K Darley 1
4 0015 SUPER ROCKY 17 (D,F) R Bastiman 4-9-11 H Bastiman (7) 10
5 0490 PLUM FIRST 8 (V,CD,F,S) N Bycroft 3-9-10 S Maloney (3) 7
6 1203 ABSOLUTION 28 (D,BF,F,G,S) M Naughton 9-9-8 J Weaver 8
7 -166 FIRST PLAY 58 (G) J Berry 3-9-7 J Carroll 9
8 5230 SLADES HILL 15 (CD,F,G,S) T Barron 6-9-4 V Halliday (7) 5
9 3031 ARC LAMP 13 (D,F,G) J Glover 7-9-1 J Fortune 13
10 0005 SADDLEHOME 45 (F) T Barron 4-9-0 O Pears (3) 6
11 5354 DAYJUZ 24 (B,D,F) F Lee 3-8-13 S Perks 17
12 5400 LE CHIC 46 (D,F,G) D Chapman 7-8-3 R Hills 2
13 0150 KALAR 25 (B,D,G) D Chapman 4-8-3 S Wood 3
14 5040 HUMBER'S SUPREME 55 (B) B Rothwell 3-8-1 A Mackay 4
15 -060 NORTH OF WATFORD 25 (D,F,G,S) M Wane 8-8-1 J Lowe 16
16 6520 LUCKY MILL 25 (B) F Lee 3-7-12 L Charnock 11
17 0624 BRISAS 17 (V,CD,F,G) T Fairhurst 6-7-7 J Fanning 12

7-1 Arc Lamp, 8-1 Here Comes A Star, Super Rocky, Slades Hill, 10-1 Singing Star, Absolution, Saddlehome, 12-1 Ballad Dancer, Plum First, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 7 winners from 12 runners, 58.3%; B Hills, 4 from 16, 25.0%; P Harris, 3 from 13, 23.1%; P Chapple-Hyam, 3 from 16, 18.8%, M Johnston, 9 from 51, 17.6%, B Beasley, 4 from 26, 15.4%.
JOCKEYS: R Hills, 13 winners from 45 rides, 28.9%; M Birch, 27 from 177, 15.3%; S Perks, 8 from 62, 12.9%; S Wood, 9 from 72, 12.5%; J Fanning, 8 from 80, 10.0%. Only qualifiers.

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 2.00 Friendly Smile, 5.05 Heathcliff. THIRSK: 2.20 Sonic. 2.50 Philgun. 3.20 Johnnie The Joker.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

NEWMARKET
C4

2.35: Innishowen had Shoofk around six lengths behind him when touched off by *Hawker Hunter here earlier* this month. However, the form may not amount to much, so **Sadler's Image** is suggested in the hope that he is another promising juvenile for Michael Stoute.

3.05: **Roca Murada** looks the safest alternative in a trappy event. He goes well for an apprentice and can atone for his defeat here three weeks ago.

3.35: Montendre's consistency makes him deserving of a prize like this, but he faces *stiff competition from Stewards' Cup winner.* **King's Signet**, who has always looked capable of winning in this grade. This is his chance. Splice's early-season form entitles her to respect.

4.05: Dreams End ran well when third in the Ebor but is a *frustrating sort.* Bold Resolution has been upped 8lb for his last victory and may not hold **Collier Bay**, who won decisively at Salisbury.

GOODWOOD
BBC2

2.40: **Awestrike**, who may have found seven furlongs too *sharp last* time, deserves another chance on his return to a mile. Polar Storm, a winner at Salisbury two weeks ago, should go well.

3.10: Glatisant will be a warm order after her stylish winning debut at Ascot last month. She was undeniably impressive, but represents poor value. **Wild Planet** is a viable alternative after her eight-length triumph last time.

3.40: **Prince Hannibal** goes well on this track and can complete his treble. Al Senafi looks best of the rest.

4.10: Legal Artist, raised 5lb for his narrow Warwick victory, may find this trip a bit sharp, whereas **Sloe Brandy** should relish it. *Mark Prescott's filly gets in* off bottom weight in this *weak handicap and she can* shrug off a 4lb penalty.

Julian Muscat

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Lingfield Park

Going: standard (all-weather), good (turf)

2.20 (6f) 1, Sister Susan (W Ryan, 4-1); 2, Monkey's Wedding (11-10 fav); 3, Anselady (16-1) 8 ran NR As Sharp As. Hd, nk R Hannon Tote £3.80, £1.50, £1.20, £2.60 DF, £2.30 CSF, £8.28

2.50 (7f 140yd) 1, Sewlajan (W Carson, 15-8, Thunderer's nap); 2, Young At Heart (40-1); 3, Izza (5-4 fav) 7 ran 4l, 1½l J Dunlop Tote £2.60, £1.90, £3.50 DF £34.70 CSF, £44.05

3.20 (2m, AW) 1, Sir Thomas Beecham (T Quinn, 100-30); 2, Usk The Way (6-4 fav); 3, Criminal Record (8-1) 7 ran 4l sh hd S Dow Tote £4.00, £2.00, £1.60 DF, £4.30 CSF, £8.21

3.50 (5f) 1, Artistic Reef (W Carson, 11-4, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Palacegate Episode (15-8 fav); 3, Bold Lez (5-1) 9 ran Nk, 1½ G Eden Tote £3.60, £1.50, £1.30, £1.80 DF £3.90 CSF £8.00

4.20 (1m 3f 106yd) 1, Summer Pageant (W Ryan, 11-4); 2, Sure Haven (25-1); 3, Bobbysoxer (11-10 fav) 10 ran 1l, 1l J Fanshawe Tote £4.00; £1.60, £5.20, £1.30, DF £29.30 Trio £18.10 CSF £58.18 Tricast £104.67.

4.50 (6f) 1, Ferryman (Pat Eddery, 100-30); 2, Up The Manners (7-1); 3, Tolon Lad (12-1) Inzar 2-1 fav 9 ran 1½l, 1l G Harwood Tote: £3.50; £1.80, £1.50, £3.10. DF: £8.00 CSF: £24.48

5.20 (7f, AW) 1, Hadeer's Dance (R Price, 7-1); 2, Persian Gusher (8-1); 3, Sleeptite (20-1) Truthful Image 9-2 fav 10 ran 1¾l, 2½l R Armstrong Tote: £9.50; £2.50, £2.10, £4.40 DF: £46.70 CSF £53.95, Tricast £953.60. Placepot £23.60.

Edinburgh

Going: firm

2.10 (7f 15yd) 1, Miss Mah-Jong (G Duffield, 9-2); 2, Distinctive Air (15-2); 3, Passion Sunday (4-1 fav) 12 ran 1½l, 1½l, M Johnston Tote: £3.90; £1.40, £1.10, £2.60 DF £9.40, CSF £33.58 Tricast £129.05

2.40 (7f 15yd) 1, Northern Chief (S Maloney, 11-2 jt-fav); 2, Norling (12-1); 3, Nichodoula (5-1); Lamsonetti 11-2 jt-fav 15 ran NR Stylish Rose. 6l, ½l M H Easterby Tote £7.60, £3.50, £8.20, £1.10, DF £24.10 Trio £39.80 CSF £64.63 Tricast £376.60.

3.10 (1m 4f 31yd) 1, Iron Baron (D Wright, 9-2); 2, Pie Hatch (5-1); 3, Hot Punch (8-1); Belabenoo 7-4 fav. 7 ran 3½l, 2½l Mrs V Aconley Tote £5.20; £2.20, £2.10 DF: £10.60 CSF, £24.07.

3.40 (5f) 1, Allegsnobrain (L Dettori, 13-8 fav); 2, Floating Trial (9-2); 3, Lochon (30-1) 17 ran 2l, 2½l P Evans Tote £2.70; £1.60; £1.90, £3.90 DF £3.10 CSF £9.60

4.10 (1m 7l 16yd) 1, Followingworth Girl (S Maloney, 4-1); 2, Annabel's Baby (12-1); 3, Beekman Street (2-1) Racayel 5-4 fav 7 ran 1½l; 4l S Norton Tote £4.60; £2.10, £3.20 DF: £11.70. CSF: £40.98.

4.40 (5f) 1, Treworsnepoints (S Copp, 7-1); 2, Lengtonian (20-1); 3, Kabcast (7-1) Red Admiral 9-2 jt-fav 13 ran NR: Glencroft. 3½l, nk Mrs M Revoley. Tote £9.00, £2.50, £14.20, £2.70 DF: £82.20 CSF £124.25 Tricast £932.03.
Placepot: £226.00.

Worcester

Going: good to firm

2.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Colwyn Prince (G Upton, 5-1 jt-fav); 2, Kinlet Vision (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Rowhedge (5-1 jt-fav). Chamois Boy 5-1 jt-fav. 10 ran 3½l, 4l. A Jones Tote: £7.20; £2.00, £1.70, £1.80. DF. £28.70. CSF £28.88 Tricast £120.98.

2.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Karakter Reference (D O'Sullivan, 2-1); 2, Master Feathers (4-5 fav); 3, They All Forgot Me (5-1) 5 ran. 1½l, 7l. R O'Sullivan. Tote £3.60, £1.50, £1.30. DF, £2.60 CSF. £4.04.

3.00 (2m ch) 1, Mega Blue (P Niven, 5-6 fav); 2, Feather Your Nest (11-8); 3, Ronocco (20-1) 4 ran. 12l, 1½l, Mrs V Aconley. Tote. £1.90 DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.33.

3.30 (2m 5l 110yd hdle) 1, Perforate (L Harvey, 7-4); 2, Pennine Pass (8-1); 3, Rich And Red (9-1) Last Conquest 13-8 fav (pu) 7 ran. NR: Chew It Over. 4l, 2½l R Baker. Tote: £2.20; £1.50, £3.10. DF: £10.80 CSF £14.00.

4.00 (2m 7f ch) 1, Island Forest (G Bradley, 7-1); 2, April's Baby (50-1); 3, Bedbury Lad (8-1). Strong Medicine 4-6 fav (ur) 7 ran. 7l, 20l P Nicholls. Tote. £10.20, £2.20, £3.60 DF £83.90 CSF £144.27.

4.30 (3m hdle) 1, Owen (B Powell, 8-1); 2, Storm Drum (7-1); 3, Chucklestone (6-4 fav). 9 ran. 1½l, 15l B Smart. Tote: £5.60, £1.10, £2.50, £1.70. DF £39.10. CSF £57.93. Tricast: £117.73
Placepot: £123.80.

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Lamb and Felton sustain faint title aspirations

BY JACK BAILEY

NORTHAMPTON (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 335 for six wickets against Leicestershire

THERE were no fireworks in the Colchester style here, just a sound, solid and satisfactory start to this important match for Northamptonshire, the most likely challengers to Middlesex for the county championship, though scarcely yet within hailing distance.

They won the toss, Lamb decided to bat for only the second time this season and he showed that he was a good judge by contributing 75 typically pugnacious runs to his team's total.

Both Lamb and Kevin Curran cashed in on Nigel Felton's seventh century for his county and the diligent spadework of Rob Bailey against a Leicestershire attack that worked hard but lacked variety. There was not much in this pitch, even for Millns, who is back to something like the pace which earned him the sobriquet of the Clipstone Cyclone. Otherwise, only Pierson's off spin offset the predominance of medium pace.

With Northamptonshire on 212 for four at tea, it had been an unremarkable day. Unremarkable, that is, if you discount the alarm expressed by one elderly spectator who arrived at the ground a couple of minutes after the game had begun and noted that the Northants total registered 179-2 (on both scoreboards) and that Fordham had made 72 of them. It transpired that Ron had gone off with the key for the electronic scoreboards, which could not therefore be changed to accommodate the current game which went on, confused but regardless.

By the time order had been restored, Felton was off and running, angling Millns and Mullally down to third man with certainty and tucking the ball off his legs to one of the smallest boundaries seen at Northampton. He lost Fordham, at 71; starting to fret, Fordham lofted Mullally to cover.

Bailey settled sketchily. Felton was again the dominant partner, this time in the highest stand of the day — 111 from 40 overs — as four Leicestershire seam bowlers laboured away on a pitch unresponsive despite its green appearance. When Bailey made 11, he was confronted by Pierson, allowed a perfunctory over or two just prior to lunch. Bailey had made 11 when he advanced down the pitch. The ball turned and lifted and beat both Bailey and Nixon, the wicketkeeper, with Bailey out of his ground.

It was the last chance Leicestershire were given for some time. First, Felton moved to his second century of the season with 14 fours, none better than the drive through extra cover which took him to three figures. Bailey moved past his half-century in the same over that he departed, after 3½ hours, nicely pulled down by Whitaker at mid-on.

Bailey had battled rather than played his way past a thousand runs for the season. The first Northamptonshire player to pass the landmark, Bailey has shown his worth, day in, day out, batting, fielding and occasionally bowling, to be gilt-edged. He deserves a bumper benefit.

Thereafter, it was chiefly Lamb and Curran. Leicestershire's largely unvaried attack contrasted with some variable fielding. Large problems were posed by the short boundary on one side, such as when Curran got off the mark with a six over third man. Lamb was, as always, brutal with anything short outside the off-stump.

Curran was surprised by Parson's off-cutter shortly before the end; but Lamb went on, and despite a dismal over rate, the Wantage Road inhabitants went home in the knowledge that Northamptonshire were at least on course.

Folland receives bizarre injury

BY SIMON WILDE

THE OVAL (first day of four; Surrey won toss): Somerset have scored 275 for nine wickets against Surrey

IT WAS a wonder to see such a parade of battle-scarred troops on the dressing room balcony at the Oval yesterday. Surrey had Thorpe, Ward, and Lynch nursing damaged fingers, and Martin Bicknell still troubled by his knee; Somerset began the day cheerfully enough, but after an hour, Folland had joined the long faces, retired hurt.

The amazing thing was that no injuries were caused by the bowling of Waqar Younis and Joey Benjamin on a pitch of extravagant pace and bounce.

Rather like in the Test match a week ago, batsmen were able to get in, but not go on to make a big score. Lathwell started so positively for Somerset, and looked so comfortable, that it was easy to envisage him rattling up a century and putting a Caribbean tour place beyond dispute. A ball of deceptive simplicity from Benjamin put paid to all that when, in the twelfth over of the day, Lathwell spooned a slower ball straight into the hands of mid-on.

Having anticipated watching one 21-year-old bat for Somerset, the crowd ended up watching another, the only difference being that Ian Fletcher spent considerably longer over his 63 runs than Lathwell would have done. Fletcher carried Somerset from 49 for two to 166 for four in 2½ hours of fierce concentration and deserved the three extra runs that would have given him his highest score of his short career.

Moreover, by the time Fletcher went in, Somerset had lost the services of Folland in the most bizarre of circumstances. Having been at the crease only two overs, and just played a ball defensively from Benjamin, he grabbed his lower back, and tottered around the crease in obvious pain. After the attentions of the physiotherapist, he was led from the pitch, barely able to stand upright, but later diagnosed as being a muscle spasm, which only improved in time for him to resume his innings at the fall of the ninth wicket.

Waqar knew this was a surface on which he should thrive, but he took his time to strike the right length and line. It was not until three overs after lunch that he took his first wicket, having Hardaen, the acting Somerset captain, caught behind.

The air, though, was still blue with self-recriminations before he returned to take the wickets of Turner and Rose either side of tea. The ball with which he bowled Turner, who batted two hours for his 30, was the one he had been searching for all day, the late inswinger. It was Waqar's sixtieth championship wicket of the season.

That left Somerset in some trouble at 187 for six, and they lost three more wickets by the close.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Feltham, of Middlesex, falls to the ground as Hussain sets off for another run at Colchester yesterday, but the championship leaders dismissed Essex for 148, and were then bowled out for 167. Report, page 40

Glamorgan quick to gain upper hand after Richards and Maynard cut loose

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

THE Abergavenny ground's reputation for high scoring — the match with Worcestershire there in 1990 yielded a record aggregate for a three-day championship match of 1,641 runs — seemed certain to be enhanced yesterday when Glamorgan went to lunch against Gloucestershire at 208 for three.

Although Matthew Maynard had just gone for 93, Vivian Richards, with whom he had added 187 in 32 overs, was still there to pepper the short boundaries and the crowd settled to await further batting mayhem. It never happened.

Tim Hancock, who had cut short Maynard's frolic, sent back Richards five short of a century, and the game changed so dramatically that Glamorgan were all out for 292, which should still be enough to preserve their hold on second place in the championship: Gloucestershire, at 84 for seven, seem sure to follow on today.

Lancashire supporters, annoyed about damage to their clothing from freshly painted seats at Lytham, also had cause to complain about the stickability of the later Kent batsmen as the visitors recovered from 58 for five to reach 263, acting-captain Steve Marsh scoring 63 and Mark Ealham a career-best 85.

Another personal best score was Paul Pollard's 180 out of an opening stand of 291 in 100 overs for Nottinghamshire against Derbyshire at Trent Bridge. His partner was Wayne Dessaur, whose 104 was his maiden championship century.

Craig White scored his first century for Yorkshire, an unbeaten 108 out of a total of 326 for four against Durham at Headingley, and David Smith batted almost through the day for his 142 not for Sussex against Hampshire at Portsmouth. Martin Speight's 121 was a far livelier effort as he dominated a fourth wicket partnership of 214.

Yesterday's batting laurels, however, must go to Mathew Dowman, of Nottinghamshire, who contributed 230 not out to England's 425 for three on the first day of the youth international with West Indies at Hove.

Young crew anxious for news from sponsors

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

WITH only four weeks remaining before the start of the Whitbread Round the World Race a young crew is waiting to hear whether the £350,000 they need to compete will be raised.

The Dolphin and Youth Challenge is the only British-flagged entry in the race, the ambitious project being designed to promote the abilities of the disabled and youth. They have received more than £1 million from the Foundation for Sports and the Arts, but are still short of their target.

"There is just four weeks to the start and the trustees have set us a deadline this week to raise the sponsorship," Paul Vernon, the group's commercial advisor, said. "I'm hopeful for a signature, but we will not know until Monday."

If the money is not forthcoming? Vernon shrugs his shoulders, knowing that the five financiers behind the Challenge, including his father, Tony Vernon, managing director of one of the largest independent food companies in the UK, are unlikely to allow such a high-profile failure to arise.

His fellow trustees include Lord Wade, the former treasurer of the Conservative party, Robin Aisher, whose father founded the Marley Tile Group, Mike Slade, once listed as Britain's highest-paid businessman, and Chris Dunning, a polio victim who captained Britain's victorious Admiral's Cup team in 1977. All share a passion for sailing and the will for this project to succeed.

In Humphries, 21, from Farnham, they have a leader with commitment. Four years ago when as a student just turned 17, he pressed Lawrie Smith for a place on his Whitbread yacht, Rothmans. Concerned that his age would count against him, he added a couple more seasons but was then caught out.

He was so determined to compete, however, he signed on the no-hope entry. With Integrity. "I learned how not to race around the world," is how he recalls that testing voyage during which crew were abandoned on quaysides and her skipper was ordered to improve safety standards onboard.

Now he has charge of his own crew, six of whom have some form of disability, the other half all under 22.

Few doubt that they will get their money for the race, and given new sails, no one doubts that their 60-footer will make a strong impact on the race.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Northamptonshire v Leicestershire

NORTHAMPTON *(first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 335 for six wickets against Leicestershire*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Smith b Mullally .. 21
N A Felton c Whitaker b Mullally ... 105
R J Bailey lbw b Wells .. 59
M B Loye lbw b Parsons .. 7
*A J Lamb not out .. 75
K M Curran lbw b Parsons .. 47
†D Ripley b Pierson .. 6
A R Roberts not out .. 0
Extras (b 1, lb 4, nb 10) .. 15
Total (6 wkts, 110 overs) .. 335

C E L Ambrose, M N Bowen and J P Taylor to bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-71, 2-182, 3-197, 4-212, 5-306, 6-327

BOWLING: Mullally 20-4-75-2, Millns 18-2-71-0, Parsons 24-8-44-2, Wells 22-4-58-1, Pierson 24-5-68-1, Hepworth 2-0-14-0

LEICESTERSHIRE: T J Boon, P N Hepworth, *J J Whitaker, V J Wells, P E Robinson, B F Smith, †P A Nixon, G J Parsons, A R K Pierson, D J Millns and A D Mullally

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 3, Leicestershire 2

Umpires: P B Wight and G I Burgess.

Glamorgan v Gloucestershire

ABERGAVENNY *(first day of four; Glamorgan won toss). Gloucestershire, with three first-innings wickets standing, are 208 runs behind Glamorgan*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James c Hinks b Walsh .. 0
A Dale c Alleyne b Walsh .. 9
*M P Maynard c Russell b Hancock 93
I V A Richards c Russell b Hancock 95
P A Cottey c Ball b Hancock .. 2
D L Hemp b Walsh .. 18
R D B Croft lbw b Ball .. 16
†C P Metson c Ball b Cooper .. 1
R P Lefebvre c Broad b Davies .. 25
S L Watkin not out .. 6
S R Barwick c Hinks b Walsh .. 0
Extras (b 4, lb 5, nb 16) .. 25
Total (74.1 overs) .. 292

FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-21, 3-208, 4-214, 5-217, 6-246, 7-249, 8-282, 9-291

BOWLING: Walsh 14.1-3-71-4, Cooper 14-1-51-1, Alleyne 14-3-54-0, Davies 11-2-54-1, Ball 17-5-43-1, Hancock 4-0-10-3.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad not out .. 53
G D Hodgson lbw b Lefebvre .. 0
R I Dawson lbw b Dale .. 5
S G Hinks lbw b Barwick .. 2
M W Alleyne b Barwick .. 1
T H C Hancock b Barwick .. 3
†R C Russell c Richards b Watkin .. 15
M C J Ball c Richards b Lefebvre .. 3
Extras (lb 3) .. 3
Total (7 wkts, 31.2 overs) .. 84

*C A Walsh, M Davies and K E Cooper to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-2, 2-30, 3-33, 4-41, 5-51, 6-77, 7-84

BOWLING: Watkin 11-2-34-1, Lefebvre 5.2-1-18-2, Dale 4-1-7-1, Barwick 5-1-11-3, Croft 6-3-11-0.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 5, Gloucestershire 4

Umpires: K E Palmer and G A Stickley.

Surrey v Somerset

THE OVAL *(first day of four; Surrey won toss): Somerset have scored 275 for nine wickets against Surrey*

SOMERSET: First Innings

A N Hayhurst lbw b Hollioake .. 17
M N Lathwell c Bicknell b Benjamin .. 12
N A Folland not out .. 6
*R J Harden c Kersey b Waqar .. 32
I Fletcher c Kersey b Butcher .. 63
†R J Turner b Waqar .. 30
G D Rose c Kendrick b Waqar .. 6
Mushtaq Ahmed c Brown b Benjamin 23
N A Mallender not out .. 32
H R J Trump b Kendrick .. 19
A P van Troost b Kendrick .. 5
Extras (b 3, lb 12, w 3, nb 12) .. 39
Total (9 wkts, 103 overs) .. 275

FALL OF WICKETS 1-32, 2-49, 3-94, 4-166, 5-184, 6-187, 7-220, 8-247, 9-255

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 24-5-73-3, Benjamin 30-7-60-2, Butcher 18-5-45-1, Hollioake 24-6-49-1, Kendrick 7-2-13-2

SURREY: R I Alikhan, D J Bicknell, A W Smith, *A J Stewart, A D Brown, A J Hollioake, M A Butcher, †G J Kersey, N M Kendrick, Waqar Younis and J E Benjamin

Bonus points: Surrey 4, Somerset 2

Umpires: D J Constant and D O Oslear

Yorkshire v Durham

HEADINGLEY *(first day of four. Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 326 for four wickets against Durham*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon lbw b Brown .. 77
S A Kellett c Larkins b Graveney .. 15
D Byas b Wood .. 36
C White not out .. 108
†R J Blakey b Wood .. 37
P J Hartley not out .. 49
Extras (lb 4) .. 4
Total (4 wkts, 110 overs) .. 326

A P Grayson, D Gough, R D Stemp, J D Batty and M A Robinson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-123, 3-138, 4-210

BOWLING: Wood 21-4-66-2, Hughes 24-8-61-0, Brown 21-2-87-1, Graveney 24-5-64-1, Bainbridge 14-5-29-0, Smith 6-1-16-0

DURHAM: W Larkins, G Fowler, P W G Parker, P Bainbridge, S Hutton, I Smith, †C W Scott, J Wood, *D A Graveney, S J E Brown and S P Hughes

Bonus points: Yorkshire 3, Durham 1

Umpires: H D Bird and J C Balderstone

Lancashire v Kent

LYTHAM *(first day of four. Kent won toss). Lancashire, with nine first-innings wickets standing, are 225 runs behind Kent*

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton lbw b Watkinson .. 25
T R Ward c Hegg b Wasim .. 1
N J Llong b Wasim .. 0
C L Hooper c Mendis b Barnett .. 12
N R Taylor st Hegg b Barnett .. 11
G R Cowdrey lbw b Wasim .. 38
*†S A Marsh lbw b DeFreitas .. 63
M A Ealham c Fairbrother b Watkinson 85
D W Headley b Wasim .. 1
M M Patel not out .. 2
A P Igglesden c Irani b Wasim .. 7
Extras (b 5, lb 3, nb 10) .. 18
Total (98.4 overs) .. 263

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-7, 3-41, 4-42, 5-58, 6-116, 7-216, 8-248, 9-252.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 21.4-4-69-5, DeFreitas 23-7-46-1, Watkinson 31-7-89-2, Yates 4-2-11-0; Barnett 18-3-40-2

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis c Fulton b Igglesden .. 1
J P Crawley not out .. 19
G Yates not out .. 14
Extras (lb 4) .. 4
Total (1 wkt, 9 overs) .. 38

R C Irani, N J Speak, *N H Fairbrother, Wasim Akram, P A J DeFreitas, M Watkinson, †W K Hegg and A A Barnett to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-6

BOWLING: Igglesden 5-1-17-1, Headley 4-1-17-0

Bonus points: Lancashire 4, Kent 2

Umpires: J D Bond and P Willey.

Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire

TRENT BRIDGE *(first day of four. Nottinghamshire won toss; Nottinghamshire have scored 320 for five wickets against Derbyshire*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard c Adams b Standen .. 180
W A Dessaur b Griffith .. 104
M A Crawley c Adams b Base .. 4
*R T Robinson not out .. 10
P Johnson not out .. 9
Extras (w 3, nb 10) .. 13
Total (3 wkts, 113.5 overs) .. 320

C C Lewis, G W Mike, R T Bates, J E Hindson, †B N French and D B Pennett to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-291, 2-300, 3-306

BOWLING: Cork 17-3-45-0, Base 15.5-5-40-1, Griffith 15-5-31-1, Vandrau 26-4-71-0, Staddon 29-12-98-1, Bowler 11-3-25-0

DERBYSHIRE: P D Bowler, J E Morris, C J Adams, A S Rollins, *K J Barnett, D G Cork, F A Griffith, †K M Krikken, M J Vandrau, R W Sladdin and S J Base

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 3, Derbyshire 1

Umpires: V A Holder and R Palmer

Warwickshire v Worcestershire

EDGBASTON *(first day of four. Warwickshire won toss). Worcestershire, with six first-innings wickets standing, are 175 runs behind Warwickshire*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles lbw b Radford .. 12
J D Ratcliffe c Rhodes b Tolley .. 5
D P Ostler c and b Tolley .. 56
Asif Din c Leatherdale b Radford .. 30
*D A Reeve b Illingworth .. 12
R G Twose lbw b Newport .. 37
N M K Smith c Weston b Tolley .. 2
†K J Piper c D'Oliveira b Newport .. 31
P A Booth b Newport .. 2
G C Small c Leatherdale b Hick .. 0
M A V Bell not out .. 8
Extras (b 1, lb 8, nb 2) .. 11
Total (87.4 overs) .. 206

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-16, 3-96, 4-115, 5-137, 6-149, 7-179, 8-185, 9-190.

BOWLING: Radford 20-3-62-2, Tolley 16-4-29-3; Newport 16.4-3-49-3; Weston 3-2-9-0, Illingworth 20-8-29-1, Hick 10-3-19-1

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*†T S Curtis not out .. 13
M J Weston not out .. 17
Extras (lb 1) .. 1
Total (no wkt, 19 overs) .. 31

G A Hick, G R Haynes, D B D'Oliveira, D A Leatherdale, †S J Rhodes, P J Newport, C M Tolley, R K Illingworth and N V Radford to bat.

BOWLING: Small 6-4-8-0, Bell 7-1-16-0, Smith 4-2-6-0, Reeve 2-2-0-0

Bonus points: Warwickshire 1, Worcestershire 4

Umpires: G Sharp and J W Holder

Hampshire v Sussex

PORTSMOUTH *(first day of four; Sussex won toss) Sussex have scored 375 for four wickets against Hampshire*

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham c Gower b Shine .. 2
C W J Athey c Aymes b Marshall .. 42
D M Smith not out .. 142
*A P Wells c Cox b Udal .. 42
M P Speight c and b Udal .. 121
†P Moores not out .. 36
Extras (lb 14, nb 16) .. 30
Total (4 wkts, 111 overs) .. 375

F D Stephenson, I D K Salisbury, A C S Pigott, E E Hemmings and E S H Giddins to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-5, 3-94, 4-308

BOWLING: Marshall 25-6-63-1, Shine 15-2-71-1; James 12-1-40-0, Udal 39-11-100-2, Flint 20-3-67-0.

HAMPSHIRE: V P Terry, R A Smith, R M F Cox, D I Gower, *M C J Nicholas, K D James, †A N Aymes, M D Marshall, S D Udal, K J Shine and D P J Flint.

Bonus points: Hampshire 1, Sussex 4

Umpires: A A Jones and D R Shepherd

Under-19 Test match
England U-19 v West Indies U-19

HOVE *(first day of four. England U-19 won toss) England U-19 have scored 425 for three wickets against West Indies U-19*

ENGLAND UNDER-19: First Innings

M P Dowman not out .. 230
M P Vaughan lbw b Ramnarine .. 21
*M J Walker c Coley b Ramnarine .. 26
J A Daley c Ballram b Stuart .. 35
R J Cunliffe not out .. 59
Extras (b 10, lb 12, nb 32) .. 54
Total (3 wkts) .. 425

M Trescothick, G Chapple, †R J Rollins, D R Law, D Thomas and G Keedy to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-81, 2-119, 3-220.

BOWLING: Stuart 16-0-104-1, Bradshaw 10-0-52-0; Christopher 9-0-49-0, Ramnarine 34-3-101-2; Gvance 31-7-76-0; Chanderpaul 3-0-20-0; Ballram 1-0-1-0.

WEST INDIES UNDER-19: A Ballram, M Ventura, A Percival, S Chanderpaul, J Mitchum, *I Bradshaw, A Gvanca, D Ramnarine, †A Coley, C Stuart and R Christopher

Umpires: R A White and R Julian.

Test match
Sri Lanka v South Africa

MORATUWA *(second day of five): South Africa, with all first-innings wickets standing, are 250 runs behind Sri Lanka*

SRI LANKA: First Innings

R S Mahanama b Schultz .. 53
C Hathurusingha c Richardson b Donald .. 1
A Gurusinha c Richardson b Donald .. 26
P A de Silva c Wessels b Schultz .. 27
*A Ranatunga c Richardson b Donald 44
H P Tillekeratne lbw b Schultz .. 92
R S Kalpage c Richardson b Cronje .. 42
†P Dassanayake b Schultz .. 7
P K Wijetunga b Donald .. 10
G P Wickremasinghe c Rhodes b Donald .. 11
M Muralidaran not out .. 2
Extras (lb 11, w 1, nb 4) .. 16
Total .. 331

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-77, 3-100, 4-157, 5-168, 6-258, 7-273, 8-285, 9-313.

BOWLING: Donald 28-5-69-5; Schultz 31.2-12-75-4, Ekstein 14-4-44-0, Cronje 26-14-32-1; Symcox 28-3-100-0

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

*K C Wessels not out .. 39
A C Hudson not out .. 39
Extras (nb 3) .. 3
Total (no wkt) .. 81

W J Cronje, S J Cook, D J Cullinan, J N Rhodes, †D J Richardson, P L Symcox, C E Eksteen, B N Schultz and A A Donald to bat

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 7-2-26-0, Gurusinha 3-0-3-0, Kalpage 11-5-11-0; Wijetunga 9-1-20-0; Muralidaran 11-3-18-0, De Silva 1-0-3-0.

Umpires: B Aldridge and K T Francis.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP:

Taunton: Somerset 257 (G W White 64, S Bastien 6-56) and 83-0. Glamorgan 294 (A Jones 67, R J Harding 4-80).

Bristol: Gloucestershire 169 (D B Pennett 5-39) and 311-5 dec (R J Scott 116, A J Wright 77, M G N Windows 58 not out; U Afzaal 4-97). Nottinghamshire 81 (A N Smith 4-31) and 33-1

Eastbourne: Sussex 246 (J W Hall 75, M T E Pierce 61, I D Austin 5-16) and 130-2 (Pierce 68 not out); Lancashire 301-3 dec (S P Titchard 168 no, Austin 51). Worcester: Worcestershire 243 and 66-0, Warwickshire 247-8 dec (P C L Holloway 118, C E Multrane 66, D R Brown 81)

Southampton: Hampshire 358-6 dec (J S Laney 126 not out, W S Kendall 86). Essex 82 (C A Connor 5-25, J N B Bovill 4-25) and 295-6 (A J B Hibbert 113 not out, M Dwan 61, A G J Fraser 51)

Folkestone: Kent 331-9 dec (R M Ellison 101, J I Longley 57, R P Davis 50, D J Spencer 50 not out; M Broadhurst 4-75, P Jarvis 4-106) and 78-0 (J I Longley 58 not out). Yorkshire 314-4 dec (A A Metcalfe 129, A McGrath 87)

Derby: Middlesex 390-7 dec (T A Radford 155 not out, P N Weekes 118) and 105-1. Derbyshire 298-7 dec (P R Whitaker 86, T J G O'Gorman 75, I G S Steer 62, K P Dutch 4-91)

Kibworth: Northants 327-7 dec (W M Noon 100 not out, K J Innes 56) and 51-1; Leicestershire 150 (W J Adkin 76, A L Penberthy 4-34, T C Walton 4-20) and 226 (P Whitehouse 60). Northamptonshire won by 9 wickets

Macari ends long wait with nostalgic return to United

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

LOU Macari, the Stoke City manager, has been waiting nearly ten years to return to Old Trafford. His wish will now be granted after his side were drawn to play Manchester United in the Coca-Cola Cup second round.

"I nearly collapsed when I heard it," Macari, who scored 78 goals in 329 games for United between 1972 and 1983, said. "This is a great draw for Stoke and, for me, it's obviously a bit special. You don't spend 11 years at a club without feeling something for them. United's is always the first result I look out for."

Stoke will play the second leg at Old Trafford in the week beginning October 4. "I don't think United will be trembling at the thought of playing us," Macari said. "After all, there's a £14 million gulf between the two clubs. But the first leg is at our place so you never know."

Arsenal begin their defence of the trophy away to Huddersfield Town, the Endsleigh Insurance League second division club. Huddersfield stage the first leg at Leeds Road in the week beginning September 20 and, with the return at Highbury two weeks later, the Premiership side will be firm favourites to go through.

Wycombe Wanderers, the league newcomers, play Coventry City, who are unbeaten in the Premiership. Martin O'Neill, the Wycombe manager, said: "We didn't even expect to be in the second round after facing Orient in the first so this is a bonus."

Sheffield Wednesday, beaten finalists last season, take on Bolton Wanderers while Tottenham Hotspur meet Burnley. Blackburn Rovers face Bournemouth in a repeat of their match in the FA Cup last term but Fulham will have mixed feelings about their date with Liverpool. They were beaten 10-0 by them in a 1986 League Cup second-round tie — still the London club's record defeat.

The draw brought together a sprinkling of derby games, with Aston Villa against Birmingham City being the pick of them. In London, struggling Barnet should get a welcome financial boost from their meetings with Queens Park Rangers.

☐ Tottenham were ordered to pay £1.75 million to Ipswich Town for Jason Dozzell by a transfer tribunal yesterday. The fee will rise to £1.9 million if Dozzell plays 60 games for Tottenham. The tribunal also decided Everton must pay £850,000 to Chelsea for Graeme Stuart.

SECOND-ROUND DRAW

Fulham v Liverpool
Sunderland v Leeds
Newcastle v Notts County
Coventry v Wycombe Wanderers
Blackburn v AFC Bournemouth
West Brom v Chelsea
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West Ham v Chesterfield
Lincoln v Everton
Hereford v Wimbledon
Crystal Palace v Charlton
Burnley v Tottenham
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Swansea v Oldham
Bolton v Sheff Wed
Barnet v QPR
Southampton v Shrewsbury Town
Stoke v Manchester United
Manchester C v Reading or Northampon
Birmingham v Aston Villa
Blackpool v Sheff Utd
Middlesbrough v Brighton
Grimsby Town v Hartlepool United
Swindon Town v Wolves
Tranmere Rovers v Oxford Utd
Rotherham Utd v Portsmouth
Leicester City v Rochdale
Watford v Millwall
Exeter City v Derby County
Bradford City v Norwich City
Wrexham v Nottingham Forest
Ipswich Town v Cambridge Utd
☐ Ties to be played over two legs in weeks commencing September 20 and October 4

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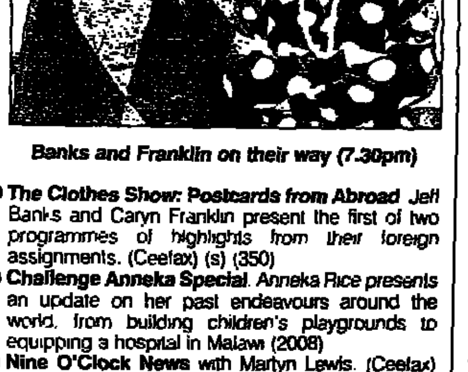
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10.00 News (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1597602) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (3429669) **10.25 Lassie** (r) (3405089) **10.50 T 'n' T** (s) (5901466)
11.00 News (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8981089) **11.05 The High Chaparral** (r) (5844485) **11.55 For the Love of It** David and Valerie Marshall escape the real world by dressing up as medieval wandering minstrels (9802027)
12.00 News (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (5290244) **12.05 Pop Goes Summer**. Brian May pays tribute to Freddie Mercury (s) (2928176)
12.25 UK Summer Special Olympics The final day, including the closing ceremony (s) (8959640) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (71922350)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Edward Stourton (Ceefax) Weather (60398)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (80676176)
1.50 Going for Gold European quiz with Henry Kelly (s) (80670992)
2.15 The Flying Doctors. (Ceefax) (s) (8470534)
3.00 The Way of the Lakes Series about the Lake District with Tony Warburton today looking at the organisation of the National Park (2347263)
3.25 You Don't Have to Die See Choice (2340350)
3.55 Animal Heroes Animated bravery (4623466) **4.00 Cartoon** (8557909)
4.10 Children's BBC: Babar (r) (2607485) **4.30 Summer with Selik** Second of a three-part documentary about a Norwegian girl and the seal pup she adopts one holiday (Ceefax) (621) **5.00 Newsround** (2702027) **5.10 Archer's Goon** Children's serial (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3448060)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (623114). **Northern Ireland**: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with John Humphrys and Moira Stuart (Ceefax) Weather (114)
6.30 Regional news magazines (466). **Northern Ireland**. Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Dad's Army. Vintage comedy with the Home Guard. Captain Mainwaring and the platoon help to reap the harvest for a widowed friend of Private Godfrey (r) (Ceefax) (4350)

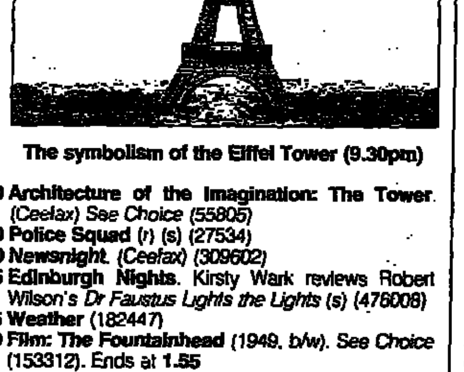


Banks and Franklin on their way (7.30pm)

7.30 The Clothes Show: Postcards from Abroad Jeff Banks and Caryn Franklin present the first of two programmes of highlights from their foreign assignments. (Ceefax) (s) (350)
8.00 Challenge Anneka Special. Anneka Rice presents an update on her past endeavours around the world, from building children's playgrounds to equipping a hospital in Malawi (2008)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4331)
9.30 Burden of Proof The conclusion of Scott Turow's drama. As the revelations continue, Sandy (Hector Elizondo) has to come to terms with his past. With Victoria Principal, Stefanie Powers and Mel Harris. (Ceefax) (44422)
11.00 Film: Tarzan the Ape Man (1981). Bo Derek and Richard Harris star in a pretty but feeble version of Edgar Rice Burroughs's book. Directed by John Derek (346814)
12.45am Weather (6946848) Ends at **12.50**

BBC2

6.45 Open University. Maths. Motion in a Circle (2395756) **7.10** Data about Data (7810640) **7.35** Maths: Modelling Drug Therapy (3928973)
8.00 Breakfast News (4594805)
8.15 A Day in the Life . . . Dr Ann Dowling of Cambridge University (r) (6757992) **8.20 Raging Belles**. Britain's two top women wrestlers (r) (7145718)
9.00 Film: Overland Stage Raiders (1938, b/w). First of two minor westerns starring John Wayne Directed by George Sherman (6572027)
9.50 Film: Angel and the Bad Man (1947, b/w). Sweet story of a Quaker (Gail Russell) who attempts to reform a gunfighter (John Wayne). Directed by James Edward Grant (84475008)
11.30 Laurel and Hardy Double Bill: *Hog Wild* (1930, b/w) (9894282), and at **11.50** *Chickens Come Home* (1931, b/w) (8797027)
12.20 Top Gear Take Two (r) (5292602)
12.30 A Girl Named Tirtza. Film about a 24-year-old Israeli woman in 1973 (r) (8946485)
1.20 Joshua Jones. Animation (r) (40943373) **1.30 Puppydog Tales**. Cartoon (r) (93287992) **1.35** *Discovering Birds* (r) (19826447)
2.00 News and weather (16601718) followed by **Jumpcuts** (65398602) **2.10 Michael Barry's Choice Cuts**. Highlights from ten years of *Food and Drink* (r) (16690602)
2.20 Racing from Goodwood. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **2.40** Schroder Investment Management Stakes Handicap; **3.10** Butlin's South Coast World Prestige Stakes; **3.40** Furniture Village Trophy Stakes Handicap, **4.10** Horse Racing Abroad Claiming Stakes Handicap (56177992)
4.25 Show Jumping from Hickstead (s) (80668195)
6.00 Film: The Oklahoman (1957). Moderate western with Joel McCrea as a widower who attracts gossip when he takes on an Indian girl as his housekeeper. Directed by Francis D Lyon (8592621)
7.20 Parenthood. Ed Begley Jr stars in the comedy based on the Steve Martin film. (Ceefax) (676669)
7.45 What the Papers Say. Presented by *The Observer's* Callum MacRae (444282)
8.00 All Black (s). (Ceefax) See Choice (1640)
8.30 Gardeners' World. Behind the scenes at a recording of Radio 4's *Gardeners' Question Time*. (Ceefax) (s) (7447)
9.00 Alas Smith and Jones (r) (Ceefax) (2973)



The symbolism of the Eiffel Tower (9.30pm)

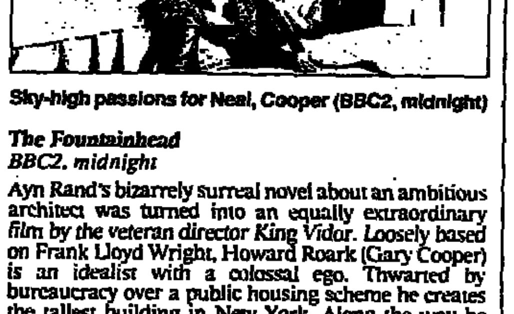
9.30 Architecture of the Imagination: The Tower. (Ceefax) See Choice (55805)
10.00 Police Squad (r) (s) (27534)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (309602)
11.15 Edinburgh Nights. Kirsty Wark reviews Robert Wilson's *Dr Faustus Lights the Lights* (s) (476008)
11.55 Weather (182447)
12.00 Film: The Fountainhead (1949, b/w). See Choice (153312). Ends at **1.55**

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CHOICE

Architecture of the Imagination: The Tower
BBC2, 9.30pm

A consistently diverting series concludes by looking at the symbolism of tall buildings. The programme takes in American skyscrapers, the Eiffel Tower, Canary Wharf, modern tower blocks and the odd castle or two. *James Hillman, the American psychologist*, supplies his usual gloss. Thankfully dismissing the phallic implications of the subject in a few seconds, *the writer* Marina Warner takes us into the world of the Virgin Mary and captive princesses. The definition of tower is bent sufficiently to embrace the big wheel of Harry Lime and *The Third Man*, while other cinema references come from *King Kong*, *Metropolis* and tonight's companion film, *The Fountainhead*. The treatment is stimulating without being pretentious.



Sky-high passions for Neal, Cooper (BBC2, midnight)

The Fountainhead
BBC2, midnight

Ayn Rand's bizarrely surreal novel about an ambitious architect was turned into an equally extraordinary *film by the veteran director King Vidor. Loosely* based on Frank Lloyd Wright, Howard Roark (Gary Cooper) *is* an idealist with a colossal ego. Thwarted by bureaucracy over a public housing scheme he creates *the tallest building in New York. Along the way he* battles to retain his integrity and win the hand of a wealthy heiress (Patricia Neal). *Often* overblown, and drenched in symbolism, *The Fountainhead* needs to be taken on *its own terms. Cooper is miscast* (too old, too deadpan) but the film is full of inventive touches and gains from the black and white photography of a notable Hitchcock cameraman, Robert Burks.

You Don't Have to Die
BBC1, 3.25pm

A daytime offering from the United States features the *story* of Jason Gaes, a young cancer sufferer. Diagnosed at the age of six, he fought the disease, *overcame it and now passes on the lessons of his* experience to other kids. The message of the title, that cancer is not inconquerable, is an *admirable* one though of little comfort to those who fail to make it. *Unfortunately the programme seems to be modelled* on a Hollywood weepie of the 1940s. It has even the air of being played by actors, with dialogue that comes more from a script department than real life. Mum is a wholesome Doris Day blonde. Dad a hunk with a soft heart and young Jason, for all that he has been through, just a little too cute.

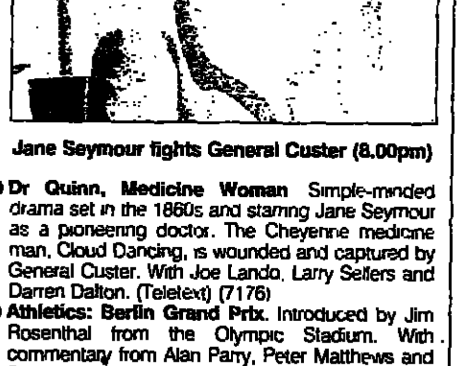
All Black: Migrant Misery
BBC2, 8.00pm

In Ghana, Kenneth practised as a pharmacist. Fleeing the country to seek asylum in Britain, he found himself *on the sharp end of an illegal labour market that* condemns its victims to verbal abuse, insultingly low *wages and no redress. This disquieting report* uses undercover filming to reveal a sub-culture of *exploitation and abuse. The exploiters, who are seldom* prosecuted, include smart central London hotels, *commercial enterprises determined to* save costs and companies doing work for government departments. *In danger of deportation if they are caught,* the workers are in no position to complain. This valuable series continues to demonstrate that *a migrant's lot* is not a happy one.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (4531282)
9.25 Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers. Space-age cartoon (5047485) **9.50 London Today** (2854447)
9.55 Gnomes Animation (5613911) **10.50 Cartoon** (6270737) **10.55 News** headlines (6279008)
11.00 James Bond Jr Cartoon (6289485) **11.25 Win, Lose or Draw** Charades game show (6259244) **11.55 London Today** (9897195)
12.00 Cartoon (7258602) **12.10 Tots TV** (r) (s) (2943485)
12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Julia Somerville (Teletext) Weather (8590911) **1.05 London Today** (84389843)
1.15 Home and Away Adam returns to Summer Bay (Teletext) (605599)
1.45 A Country Practice Medical drama set in the Australian Outback. Andy Johnson accuses Cris Kouros of giving an overdose of drugs to his terminally-ill wife (s) (550440)
2.15 The Wonderful World of Disney. Cartoon featuring Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse (r) (7331911) **3.10 News** and weather (1649640) **3.15 London Today** (1646911)
3.20 The Young Doctors (2343447)
3.50 Children's ITV: The Rattles (r) (4619263) **3.55 Bangers and Mash** Cartoon (7211911) **4.10 Talespin** Animated adventures (r) (s) (2683805) **4.35 Wail of the Banshee** Last of the fantasy series with Michael Angelis (r). (Teletext) (3508379) **5.00 Cartoon** with the Road Runner (r) (2797195)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2785640)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) Weather (233640)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (70114)
7.00 Through the Keyhole Sir David Frost and Loyd Grossman unlock the homes of the rich and famous. The panel is Alan Coren, Frances Edmonds and Eamonn Holmes. (Teletext) (s) (6718)
7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (718)

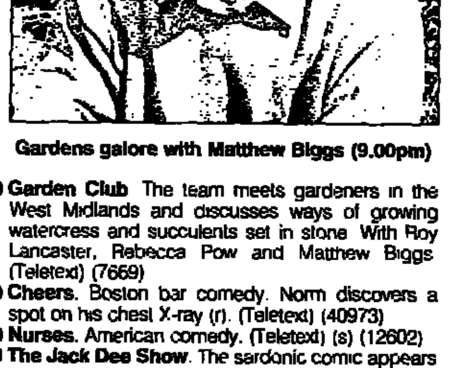


Jane Seymour fights General Custer (8.00pm)

8.00 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman Simple-minded drama set in the 1860s and starring Jane Seymour as a pioneering doctor. The Cheyenne medicine man, Cloud Dancing, is wounded and captured by General Custer. With Joe Lando, Larry Sellers and Darren Dalton. (Teletext) (7176)
9.00 Athletics: Berlin Grand Prix. Introduced by Jim Rosenthal from the Olympic Stadium. With commentary from Alan Parry, Peter Matthews and Steve Ovett (4440)
10.00 News at Ten with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (14060) **10.30 London Tonight** (174008)
10.40 Film: Chinatown (1974) Roman Polanski's electrifying *film noir* with Jack Nicholson as a jaded private eye in pre-war Los Angeles. Co-starring Faye Dunaway and John Huston. Robert Towne wrote the Oscar-winning screenplay. Shown in an uncut version (44904260)
1.00am The ITV Chart Show. Featuring footage of Gary Numan singing "Cars" (s) (2576549)
2.05 Whale On. Late-night entertainment with James Whale (9340157)
3.10 Pro-Box Classics. First of a two-part documentary on the career of the boxer Chris Eubank (5468916)
4.15 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Richard Blade with the latest film news from Hollywood (2229026)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (40886)
5.30 ITN Morning News (20461). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Fun with the tearaway tomcat (1651466)
6.45 Wowser Adventures of a cartoon hound (1867621)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (43621)
9.00 Saved by the Bell American high school comedy series (31737)
9.30 Star Street Zodiac animation (r) (2513195) **9.55 Kid 'n' Play** Cartoon capers (r) (2521114)
10.25 Kelly (r) (2864824) **10.55 The Adventures of Tintin** (r) (6037260)
11.20 The Henderson Kids. Australian drama series (r) (6281843) **11.50 Joe McDoakes** A short comic film about a character's attempts to realise his potential (7725466)
12.00 High 5. Sporting action (r) (11973) **12.30 Sesame Street** with the country and western singer Johnny Cash (r) (80992)
1.30 The Bluffers. Animation set in a forest (r) (69008)
2.00 Valued Opinion. Programme for collectors of antiques Max Robertson and guest, David Battie, consider porcelain fakes and forgeries (14265447)
2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Introduced by Derek Thompson The line-up is (subject to alteration): **2.35** Port of Tilbury Maiden Stakes; **3.05** Shalfleet Apprentice Handicap; **3.35** Hopeful Stakes. **4.05** Breheny Handicap (56161331)
4.30 Countdown Words and numbers game with Richard Whiteley (Teletext) (s) (331)
5.00 Travellers' Tales: Into the Land of Oz The novelist Howard Jacobson journeys through the centre of Australia, taking a wry look at tourism along the way (r) (Teletext) (6331)
6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper. Mark gets a trial with his favourite basketball team. With Mark Curry, Dawnn Lewis and Holly Robinson. (Teletext) (s) (824)
6.30 Happy Days Fifties' nostalgia. (Teletext) (176)
7.00 Channel 4 News presented by Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (635621)
7.50 First Reaction. How to make a paper dinosaur (s) (791602)
8.00 Staying Alive. Documentary about one of Britain's oldest surviving cystic fibrosis sufferers, 31-year-old Robin Inger. Despite enduring much pain and having to take large quantities of pethedine, Inger leads a full life and has married (r) (3008)
8.30 Brookside. Merseyside drama. (Teletext) (s) (5843)



Gardens galore with Matthew Biggs (9.00pm)

9.00 Garden Club The team meets gardeners in the West Midlands and discusses ways of growing watercress and succulents set in stone With Roy Lancaster, Rebecca Pow and Matthew Biggs (Teletext) (7669)
9.30 Cheers. Boston bar comedy. Norm discovers a spot on his chest X-ray (r). (Teletext) (40973)
10.00 Nurses. American comedy. (Teletext) (s) (12602)
10.30 The Jack Dee Show. The sardonic comic appears with guests the Apollos (r) (s) (697379)
11.05 Naked City. Final programme in the rock show fronted by the effervescent Caitlin Moran. Featuring Depêche Mode, Lloyd Cole and Back to the Planet. With Johnny Vaughan (s) (220756)
12.05am Film: The Boogie Man Will Get You (1942, b/w). Diverting horror spoof with Boris Karloff as a mad professor who creates a breed of supermen in a bid to help the war effort. Co-starring Peter Lorre and Larry Parks. Directed by Lew Landers (4256374). Ends at **1.20**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.25-9.50am C O P S (5047485) **1.05pm-1.15** Anglia News (84389843) **1.45** A Country Practice (550440) **2.15** A Walk on the Wild Side (405391) **2.45-3.10** Coach (3063263) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (2785640) **6.00** *Home and Away* (726718) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (955602) **10.30** Anglia News (158060) **10.45** Film: Bachelor Party (38349824) **12.40am** Love and War (5842041) **1.10** Whale On (2178022) **2.10** Raw Power (7477751) **3.10** *Entertainment UK* (6170515) **4.05** Musical Routes (78537770) **4.35** Riviera (33470190) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.25-9.50am Stanley the Ugly Duckling (5047485) **1.05pm** Central News (84389843) **1.15** A Country Practice (605599) *1.45 Home and Away* (550440) 2.15 Father Dowling Investigates (4957486) **3.05-3.10** Gardening Time (1624331) **3.20-3.50** Dinosaurs (2343447) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (2785640) **6.00** *Home and Away* (726718) **6.25-7.00** Central News (955602) **10.30** Central News (174008) **10.40** Film: Lady Sings the Blues (64693447) **1.20am** Whale On (2175935) **2.20** The Beat (7474664) **3.20** Entertainment UK (8401867) **4.20** Jobfinder (3902848) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3488770)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.25-9.50am Zorro (5047485) **1.45** A Country Practice (550440) **2.15-3.10** Life Goes On (7331911) **6.00** HTV News (282) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (534) **10.30** HTV News (174008) **10.40** Married...With Children (658379) **11.10** Film: Listen to Your Heart (497737) **1.00am** Out of Limits (9415312) **1.10** Whale On (7071523) **2.05** Raw Power (9340157) **3.10** Entertainment UK (6170515) **4.05** Musical Routes (18166683) **4.30** Riviera (77428) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (40886)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales at Six (282) **6.30-7.00** Get Going (534)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.25-9.50am Bigfoot in Action (5047485) **1.05pm-1.15** Meridian News (84389843) **2.15-3.10** Highway to Heaven (7331911) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2343447) **5.37-5.40** The Listings (466824) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (70114) **6.57-7.00** Boredom Busters (218534) **10.30** Meridian News (174008) **10.40** Married With Children (658379) **11.10** Anything Goes (221465) **12.10am** Sledge Hammer (6703374) **12.40** Film: The Outsider (710175) **2.30** Whale On (26080) **3.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (87954) **4.00** Raw Power (3926428) **4.55** Three Minutes (61328664) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (40886)

TYNE-TEES

As London except: 9.25-9.50am C.O.P.S. (5047485) **1.05pm** Tyne Tees News (33298440) **1.10-1.15** Lookaround (36448963) **1.45** Film: A Lady Mislaid (2414398) **2.50** Short Story Theatre (3313391) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (601244) **6.30-7.00** Earthmovers (534) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (174008) **10.40** Married...With Children (658379) **11.10** Film: Take This Job and Shove It (497737) **1.00am** Nightshift (4639157) **1.05** Whale On (2179751) **2.05** The Big E (7497515) **3.00** Film: Stella Dallas (274751) **4.55** Get Wet (33490954) **5.20-5.30** Profile (9488770)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.25-9.50am Bigfoot in Action (5047485) **1.45** Blockbusters (550440) **2.15** The Sullivans (405391) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (3063263) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2343447) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (70114) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (174008) **10.40** Love and War (658379) **11.10** The War of the Worlds (592485) **12.05am** Cue the Music (3819393) **1.10** Whale On (7071523) **2.05** Raw Power (9340157) **3.10** Entertainment UK (6170515) **4.05** Musical Routes (18166683) **4.30** Riviera (77428) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (40886)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.25-9.50am C.O.P.S (5047485) **1.05pm-1.15** Calendar News (84389843) **1.45** Film: A Lady Mislaid (2414398) **2.50** Short Story Theatre (3313391) **3.05-3.10** Help Yourself (1624331) **5.55** Calendar (601244) **6.30-7.00** *The Results Show* (534) **10.30** Calendar News (174008) **10.40** Married.. With Children (658379) **11.10** Film: Take This Job and Shove It (497737) **1.00am** Nightshift (4639157) **1.05** Whale On (2179751) **2.05** The Big E (7497515) **3.00** Film: Stella Dallas (274751) **4.55** Get Wet (33490954) **5.20-5.30** Profile (9488770)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (43621) **9.00** Saved by the Bell (31737) **9.30** Star Street (2513195) **9.55** Kid 'n' Play (6787398) **10.20** Kelly (3422758) **10.45** The Adventures of Tintin (4979244) **11.10** The Henderson Kids (1526391) **11.35** Bobobobs (8786911) **12.05pm** High 5 (8948534) **12.30** Sesame Street (80992) **1.30** Our Backyard (69008) **2.00** The Curry Connection (14265447) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing (56161331) **4.30** The Secret Life of... The Television Set (331) **5.00** Countdown (7824) **5.30** Brookside (911) **6.00** News **6.10** Heno (686355) **7.00** Jacpot (7060) **7.30** Goreuon Graffiti (260) **8.00** Y Cymro Cryfa (3008) **8.30** Newyddion **8.55** Cerddorion Rwsia (445756) **9.30** Vic Reeves Big Night Out On Tour (23350) **10.30** The Jack Dee Show (697379) **11.05** Naked City (220756) **12.05am** *Film: The Boogeyman Will Get You* (4256374)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Cartoons (1812961) **6.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (1785244) **6.50** DJ Kat Show (22336486) **9.30** Pyramid Game (23381) **10.00** Card Sharks (6711027) **10.25** Concentration (7633737) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (7763373) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (84992) **12.00** E Street (68605) **12.30pm** Three's Company (19027) **1.00** Falcon Crest (73422) **2.00** Testimony of Two Men (8193485) **2.55** Another World (2606008) **3.45** DJ Kat Show (5855737) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2911) **6.00** Games World (6843) **6.30** E Street (7195) **7.00** Rescue (3840) **7.30** Full House (3379) **8.00** WWF Mania (40911) **9.00** Code 3 (95973) **9.30** *Crime International* (99263) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (30534) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (92535)

SKY NEWS

News on the Hour
6.30am Sunrise (310485) **9.30** Talkback (77805) **10.30** 48 Hours (35331) **11.30** Business Report (79553) **12.30pm** Business Report (46447) **1.30** CBS This Morning (47176) **2.30** 48 Hours (64060) **3.30** ABC Nightline (97669) **4.30** Business Report (3992) **5.00** Live at Five (995805) **7.30** 48 Hours (4621) **9.30** Talkback (56331) **11.30** CBS Evening News (60195) **12.30am** 48 Hours (99225) **1.30** CBS News (42190) **2.30** Holiday Destinations (74848) **3.30** CBS News (62683) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (84683)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (3336911)
10.00 Lonely in America (1990) Starting over in New York (13843)
12.00 Under the Yum Yum Tree (1963) Comedy with Jack Lemmon (65379)
2.00pm The Revolutionary (1970). Political drama with Robert Duvall, Jon Voight (54114)
4.00 The Witching of Ben Wagner (1990) A young boy befriends the daughter of a witch (7843)
5.00 Lonely in America (as 10am) (34350)
8.00 Deadline (1992): Drama of a jealous wife, an erring husband and a hitman (45047244)
9.40 US Top 10 (875382)
10.00 The Indian Runner (1991): Based on a Bruce Springsteen song: Sean Penn's directional debut (39896244)
12.05am The Octagon (1980) Chuck Norris as a martial arts hero (798409)
2.00 Whatever Happened to Baby Jane? (1991): Vanessa and Lynn Redgrave star as the obsessed sisters (777003)
3.50 La Cage Aux Folles 2 (1980): Camp comedy (485206) Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Red Pony (1949). A ranch boy befriends a colt (25640)
8.00 Nevada Smith (1966): Steve McQueen plays the cowboy (24571598)
10.10 Rambo III (1988): Vietnam saga with Sylvester Stallone (848447) Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Black Knight (1954) Historical epic with Alan Ladd, Peter Cushing (32398)
8.00 Around the World in 80 Days: Animation of Jules Verne's story (85843)
9.00 The Call of the Wild Cartoon version of Jack London's novel (90114)
10.00 Hansel and Gretel: Puppet animation (11485)
12.00 Top Cat and the Beverly Hills Cats The gang become fat cats (56621)
2.00pm Ivory Hunters (1990) John Lithgow and Isabella Rossellini star in an African adventure (52756)
4.00 Around the World in 80 Days (as 8am) (22027)
5.00 The Call of the Wild (as 9am) (5621)
6.00 The Bad News Bears in Breaking Training Baseball adventure (32992)
8.00 Blame It on the Bellboy (1991). Venice-set farce with Dudley Moore (55553)
9.30 In the Line of Fire: *Behind the scenes with the Secret Service* (82973)
10.00 Are You Lonesome Tonight (1991) Jane Seymour enters a seamy underworld to search for her husband (688027)
11.35 Child of Darkness, Child of Light (1991) Supernatural chiller (123089)
1.05am Miami Blues (1990): Thriller with Fred Ward and Alec Baldwin (330935)
2.45 Cold Dog Soup (1990) Oddball comedy *about a man burying a dog* (1360393) Ends at **4.10**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (3251640) **7.15** Prime Bodies (813379) **7.45** *Cycling* (805350) **8.15** Soccer News (4721718) **8.30** ATP Tennis (30621) **9.00** Prime Bodies (21973) **9.30** Boot Room (28553) **10.30** Motorsport (77331) **11.30** European League (83391) **12.30pm** World Pool (53138) **2.30** US PGA Golf (25244) **4.30** Sports Special (7350) **5.00** Boot Room (4911) **6.00** Soccer (77640) **7.00** *The Big League* (533089) **8.30** *US PGA Golf* (73534) **11.00** Soccer (30195) **12.00** Football Show (67799) **1.30-4.00am** The Big League (430799)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Aerobics (28350) **8.00** Sailing (96973) **9.00** Cycling (78089) **10.30** NBA Basketball (45553) **11.00** Football: Denmark v Lithuania (44398) **12.00** Motor Racing (73824) **1.00pm** Athletics (99350) **3.00** Triathlon **4.00** Golf — The German Open (81981) **5.00** Motorcycle Magazine (7244) **5.30** Motor Racing (40992) **6.30** Eurosport News (4263) **7.00** Motorsport Report (84379) **8.00** Rallying (93027) **9.00** Boxing (63398) **10.30** Golf — The German Open (91640) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport (82751)

UK GOLD

7.00am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (6631319) **7.30** Neighbours (7186404) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1107992) **8.30** EastEnders (1106263) **9.00** The Bill (1120843) **9.30** The Brothers (1828534) **10.30** Colditz (2018466) **11.30** Rhoda (8785621) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1117379) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5904992) **1.00** EastEnders (1586260) **1.30** The Bill (5903263) **2.00** Never the Twain (1454350) **2.30** The Mistress (4075224) **3.00** Dallas (8796737) **4.00** *Dynasty* (8775244) **5.00** Blankety Blank (1445602) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (4627460) **6.00** Neighbours (3625783) **6.30** The Brothers (6782534) **7.30** Never the Twain (9225927) **8.00** EastEnders (1474114) **8.30** The Mistress (1453621) **9.00** Colditz (1409114) **10.00** The Bill (1118008) **10.30** Rory Bremner (1127756) **11.00** Top of The Pops (9794640) **11.45** Dr Who (7298027) **12.15am** Film: The Devil Bat (1941). Horror with Bela Lugosi (40329409) **1.25-2.00** Video Bites (5270119)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Jack in the Box (26089) **7.00** The Care Bears Family (8123909) **7.55** Ratkan II (3273058) **8.30** Galaxy High School (87553) **9.00** Pugwall's Summer (26) (78805) **9.30** Manu Ovide and the Gang (38337) **10.00** The Finder (10) (88843) **10.30** He-man (74089) **11.00** Spiff and Hercules (97379) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (98008) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (28398) **1.00pm** Michael Valiant (85244) **1.30** Super Mario World (88814) **2.00** Adventure (1466) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (1718) **3.00** The Care Bears Family (2454911) **3.25** Ratkan II (5090379) **3.30** The Berenstain Bears (6263) **4.00** Bobobobs (5398) **4.30** The Girl From Tomorrow (24) (4282) **5.00** The Electric Stringvest (4553) **6.00-7.00** Fame (17282)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University. Generals of the Revolution — James Watt **6.55** *Weather*
7.00 On Air Cimarosa, arr Benjamin (Oboe Concerto in C); Handel (Organ Concerto in F, The Cuckoo and the Nightingale); Johann Stamitz (Flute Concerto in G); Bartók (Two Portraits, Op 5)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Rodrigo and Falla Tradition and Faith, presented by Raymond Calcraft. Rodrigo (Sonata pimpante: Triptic de Mosén Cinto); Falla (Atlántida, Final Scene), Rodrigo (Concierto para una fiesta, second movement)
10.00 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: David Davies conducts Moeran (Overture to a Masque); Naresh Sohal (Tandava Nritya, first broadcast); Malcolm Arnold (Symphony No 2)
11.00 Edinburgh International Festival 1993. Live from the Queen's Hall, Edinburgh. The Carmina Quartet performs Schubert (Quartettsatz in C minor, D703); Janáček (String Quartet No 1, Kreutzer Sonata), Schubert (String Quartet in G, D887). During the interval at **11.35** Robert Dawson-Scott reports on this year's festival and fringe
1.00pm News
1.05 Schoenberg and Busoni. Pianists Martin Roscoe and Ronan O'Hora perform Schoenberg, arr Webern (Five Orchestral Pieces, Op 16), Busoni (Fantasia Contrappuntistica) (r)
2.00 Mining the Archive Stephen Johnson introduces two vintage chamber recordings Beethoven (String Quartet in F, Op 59 No 1: Tchaikovsky Quartet, recorded 1955); Brahms (Piano Quintet in F minor, Op 34: Griller Quartet, recorded 1942)
3.30 Haydn BBC Welsh SO under Grant Llewellyn performs Overture: L'isola disabitata and Symphony No 101 in D, *The Clock*
4.15 Songs from the Franco-German Border: Beate Frűh presents two programmes (r)
5.00 In Tune Music and news with Jeremy Nicholas
7.30 BBC Proms: Live from the Albert Hall, London. BBC SO under Arturo Tamayo and Witold Lutoslawski with Thomas Zehetmair, violin performs Ligeti (Lontano), Bartók (Violin Concerto No 2); Stravinsky (Song of the Nightingale); Lutoslawski (Symphony No 4, British debut). At **8.25 Lutoslawski as Symphonist**. Charles Bodman Rae traces the development of Lutoslawski's style and approach to form through the four symphonies
9.40 Bridget Riley — Five Dialogues on Art Riley discusses the role of public collections with Neil MacGregor, Director of the National Gallery (r)
10.10 Pictures in Sound: Debussy (Images, Book 2) performed by pianist Claudio Arrau
10.30 A Sorceress of her Time, by Michael Bakewell A drama about Alma Schindler, the Viennese beauty who married in turn Gustav Mahler, Walter Gropius and Franz Werfel. With Jane Lapotaire, Robin Ellis, Nicholas Farrell, Nikolas Grace and Kerry Shale (r)
11.30 Midnight Oil: From last year's Huddersfield Festival, the Cauld Blast Orchestra play a mix of folk, rock and classical music
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30 Today** incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business Report **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Heroic Failures **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sir Peregrine Worsthorne muses on his choice (r)
9.45 Feedback
10.00 News; Dear Diary (FM only): For August 27, presented by Simon Brett
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible: (LW only) Kings
10.30 Woman's Hour discusses children's health funds and features the band leader Ivy Benson and the launch of UK Living. Moniza Alvi talks about her poetry and her homeland Pakistan.
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Gardening Quiz, presented by Stefan Buczacki Irene Thomas and Norman Painting are the team leaders, guests are Angela Rippon, Thomas Allen, Katie Boyle and Julian Pettifer **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Alexander, Great Son of Ammon. Last in the series (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment Reports from BBC correspondents
3.30 A Good Read Edward Blishen and guests Elizabeth Esteve-Coll and Kristen Lippincott choose three paperbacks
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Louisa Buck catches a touring exhibition of contemporary British sculpture and reads Justin Cartwright's novel *Masai Dreaming*. Plus reports from the Edinburgh Festival on the true Fringe and a Verdi opera
4.45 Short Story: Lappin and Lapinova by Virginia Woolf, read by June Barrie (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 *Shipping* **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places Looks at the perils of being a cabbie and investigates the SMART bus
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Charles Kennedy MP
8.05 Any Questions? with Kamlesh Bahl, chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, Baroness Castle of Blackburn; Sir John Harvey-Jones, industrialist and William Waldegrave, MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
8.50 Stop Press with John Diamond **9.15 Kaleidoscope**: The Oxford Playhouse. See Choice (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
10.00 The World Tonight with Alexander MacLeod.
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Lost Salt Gift of Blood by Alistair MacLeod. Last in series
11.00 Struck Off and Die: Another episode of the provocative medical comedy by Doctors Phil Hammond and Tony Gardner
11.25 The Financial Week with Heather Payton
11.45 Rushes 4: Shevolution. The lifecycle of a woman's imagination
12.00am News incl **12.27** approx Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** (LW only) As BBC World Service

CHOICE

Doctor Who: The Paradise of Death. *Radio 5, 6.30pm.*
Updated coloquially ("you great nerd!", "it's a bleedin' UFO"), the new adventures of the time-travelling doctor are essentially a reunion party for some *Doctor Who* veterans, among them scriptwriter Barry Letts, Jon Pertwee as the Doctor and *Elisabeth Sladen as the plucky* Sarah Jane Smith. The plot involves dirty work at an outer-space *theme park on Hampstead Heath. It is wildly improbable of course,* but wonderfully well done.

The Oxford Playhouse: Many Happy Returns. Radio 4, 9.15pm.
At a time when the future looks distinctly bleak for many regional theatres, there is even more reason to rejoice with John Miller in this *Kaleidoscope* celebration of the Oxford Playhouse's seventieth birthday. The famous repertory theatre re-opened in 1991, after four "dark" years. So well is it doing — there have been audiences of between 75 and 95 per cent for some shows — that it is now planning to revert to what it was in the golden days of the 1950s and 1960s, a theatre that mounts its own productions instead of just being part of the touring circuit.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00** Steve Edwards (FM only) *6.00* Simon Mayo *9.00* Simon Bates **11.00** 1FM Summer Roadshow, from Aberystwyth, Wales **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.30** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show **11.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. *5.00am* Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Barbara Sturgeon **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** We Stayed in with Jungr and Parker **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Louise Denny **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Adrian Finighan **4.00** Colin Berry

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **10.00** Susumu's Story **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Room 101 **1.10** Student Choice '93 **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Dr Who (See Choice) **7.15** Kiss the Dust **7.30pm** Football Plus **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News. Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Off the Shelf: Welsh Stories **5.45** Folk Routes **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Dolphin Therapy **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Music Review **10.00** News **10.05** *Business Report* **10.15** *Global Concerns* **10.30** *On the Move* **10.45** Sports **11.00** News **11.01** Focus on Faith **11.30** One Blood — Jamaican Music **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Dolphin Therapy **1.45** Sports **2.00** *Newshour* **3.00** *News* **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Welsh Stories **3.45** Global Concerns **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Science in Action **5.45** The World Today **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** Music Inside Out **6.45** Sports **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Multitrack 3 **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Dolphin Therapy **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Science in Action **10.00** *Newshour* **11.00** *News* **11.10** *News About Britain* **11.15** *Inside Westminster* **11.45** Sports **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** Worldbrief **12.30** Multitrack 3 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Short Story: Louie's Balloons **2.45** Jazz Now and Then **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Inside Westminster **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports

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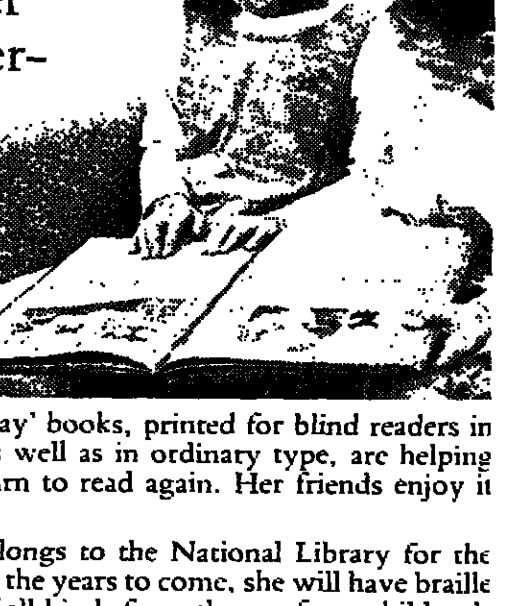
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Player-manager's rift with Swales sparks his departure

Reid dismissed after early slump by City

BY PETER BALL

MANCHESTER City yesterday dismissed Peter Reid, player-manager, and his assistant, Sam Ellis, after the team had taken only one point from their first four games in the FA Carling Premiership this season.

"I felt the poor start demanded the change in management," John Maddock, the club's newly appointed general manager, said. "I don't propose to rake over old ground but I felt very strongly the need for a change to secure the future of Manchester City."

Reid's record of finishing fifth, fifth and ninth with a limited team since he replaced Howard Kendall in November 1990, makes his dismissal a surprise, even by the standards of football management.

Maddock's statement made no reference to the rift which developed during the summer between Reid, a former England international who is widely regarded as one of the outstanding young managers in the game, and his chairman, Peter Swales.

Reid, 37, an intensely ambitious man, was only too aware of the limitations of his squad. His attempts to strengthen it in order to compete with the big clubs foundered on Swales's refusal to provide the money necessary.

In the last few months, Reid had attempted without success to sign the England internationals, Geoff Thomas and Paul Stewart, and the Ireland captain, Andy Townsend. Swales, who had seen the club approach bankruptcy when he bankrolled Malcolm Allison's high-spending in the Seven-



Swales: under fire

ties, refused to match the fees or wages on offer elsewhere.

Even attempts to sign lower-priced players, such as Trevor Sinclair, from Blackpool, or last week's bid for Watford's Paul Furlong, failed. City's only signing this summer was the Dutchman, Alfonso Groenendijk, for £300,000.

Reports of Reid's growing disenchantment surfaced during the club's summer tour of Holland. A week ago, in the face of increasing criticism from the club's long suffering supporters, Swales announced that he was stepping back from his day-to-day involvement.

Instead, he brought in Maddock, a former sports editor of *The People* as general manager to work with Reid. But after the home defeat by Blackburn Rovers on Tuesday, Maddock made some biting criticisms of the display, and followed it up yesterday's recommendation that Reid and Ellis should be dismissed.

But if the voice was the voice of Maddock, many City supporters will see the hand of Swales behind his manager's departure. There is certainly little doubt whom the supporters blame for the club's failures. Chants of "Swales Out" echoed round Maine Road after the match on Tuesday.

They are not new. Manchester humourists, a large group, claim that the sound heralds the new football season as surely as the first cuckoo announces spring.

"If there was a cup for cock-ups, this club would win it every year," Francis Lee, a member of the team during the club's last great era under Joe Mercer, once said. There is not, and City's last trophy was the League Cup in 1976, a dismal record for a club of its size and potential. The succession of managers has not helped and it has not gone unnoticed that among Swales's other responsibilities is the chairmanship of the FA's international committee for appointing the England manager.

Since Swales became chairman 20 years ago, the club has had 12 managers, a constant change-over which has done little for continuity of approach.

Until this summer, Reid appeared to be restoring City to its natural position as one of the most powerful clubs in the country. Then he received the dreaded vote of confidence.

Reid at least leaves with a significant pay-off before, as seems likely he gets another club.

What the future holds for City is harder to predict. Tony Book, who has been at the club for 27 years, becomes caretaker manager for the fourth time for tonight's match with Coventry City, and a new appointment is believed to be imminent.

Joe Royle, the Oldham Athletic manager who was approached before Kendall was appointed in 1989, will be considered again and other names in the frame are Steve Coppell, former manager of Crystal Palace, and Terry Venables, of Tottenham Hotspur.

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RAY BRADBURY



Reid walks away from Maine Road yesterday after being told the bad news

CITY MANAGERS UNDER SWALES

Season	Manager	Stay
1973-4	Ron Saunders	(five months)
1974-9	Tony Book	(five years)
1979-80	Malcolm Allison	(one year)
1980-3	John Bond	(three years)
1983-4	John Benson	(three months)
1983-6	Billy McNeill	(three years)
1986-7	Jimmy Frizzell	(eight months)
1987-9	Mel Machin	(two years)
1990-1	Howard Kendall	(11 months)
1991-3	Peter Reid	(three years)

Ilott restricts Middlesex to token lead

BY IVO TENNANT

COLCHESTER (first day of four; Essex won toss): Middlesex gained a first-innings lead of 19 over Essex

MUCH as Middlesex would wish to become champions at Lord's, there would be a certain satisfaction in doing so on the ground where Essex have, often as not, had a successful week before winning the championship themselves. For the present, they have an advantage of 19 after a day on which 20 wickets fell, six to Mark Ilott and four to Angus Fraser.

To think that the pitches at Castle Park are renowned for helping spinners, even on the first day. This one is devoid of grass and yet the ball moved off the seam all day, even for medium-pacers of no great pretensions, let alone the likes of Fraser and Ilott.

Fraser's figures, 16-8-19-4, tell of just how few loose balls he bowled. Ilott, from the same end, took the wickets of Haynes, Ramprakash and Gatting in nine balls. Other than Salim Malik, who was in 31 overs for 36, no one stayed for any length of time until Carr and Brown came together.

Gooch, as with Gatting later in the day, batted as if there was little purpose in falling back on defence. Opting to bat first — if the match does last four or even three days the pitch will be taking spin — he drove Cowans straight for four and then pulled him for six with a short-arm jab as emphatic as any stroke played all day.

It did not last. In the same over Cowans had Gooch taken at the wicket with one that moved away. A similar ball accounted for Prichard and Fraser likewise beat Stephenson, who mustered four in an hour. These were straightforward catches but that which Emburey held low and left-handed at first slip to remove Hussain must have given succour to every middle-aged cricketer on the ground.

The catch Ramprakash scooped up at cover was in the same class and, since the batsman was Malik, it was of inestimable worth. When Carr made a further slip catch look decidedly easy, Essex had lost their last wicket by mid-afternoon and it really did seem as if their travails had hardly started.

That was until Middlesex batted. These would have been just the conditions for Pringle, had he not had a shoulder injury. Instead, Essex gave a championship debut to Boden, a fair-haired 22-year-old who once had a match for Middlesex against Oxford University. Four years on, he was still quick enough to uproot Roseberry's off stump and sufficiently raw to lose his length when Gatting looked to punch him through the infield.

There were seven fours in Gatting's innings of 31, the pick of them a terrific square drive. When he was out, bottom-edging an intended pull off Ilott on to his stumps, it was through over-ambition rather than the late movement that had accounted for Haynes and, two balls later, Ramprakash. Alas for Essex, Ilott was already coming to the end of his first spell.

The change bowlers were not of commensurate standard — or so it appeared when Carr and Brown were adding 78 in 22 overs. Stephenson, though, had them both out in successive overs and Ilott finished the innings with three wickets in ten balls, giving him six for 42 in all.

SCOREBOARD

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch c Brown b Cowans	15
J P Stephenson c Brown b Fraser	4
P J Prichard c Emburey b Cowans	0
Salim Malik c Ramprakash b Fraser	36
N Hussain c Emburey b Fraser	40
†M A Garnham lbw b Cowans	0
T D Topley c Carr b Cowans	33
M C Ilott b Fraser	5
D J P Boden c Tufnell b Emburey	0
P M Such run out	3
J H Childs not out	0
Extras (lb 6, nb 6)	12
Total (64.1 overs)	148

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-19, 3-23, 4-104, 5-105, 6-105, 7-122, 8-127, 9-144

BOWLING: Fraser 16-8-19-4; Cowans 13.1-4-43-4; Feltham 16-3-43-0; Tufnell 8-3-12-0; Emburey 11-2-25-1

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

D L Haynes lbw b Ilott	19
M A Roseberry b Boden	4
*M W Gatting b Ilott	31
M R Ramprakash lbw b Ilott	0
J D Carr c Hussain b Stephenson	46
†K R Brown lbw b Stephenson	33
J E Emburey b Ilott	9
M A Feltham lbw b Ilott	3
A R C Fraser not out	9
P C R Tufnell c Salim b Ilott	4
N G Cowans c Prichard b Stephenson	0
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 8)	10
Total (41 overs)	167

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-48, 3-48, 4-55, 5-133, 6-144, 7-151, 8-162, 9-166.

BOWLING: Ilott 13-2-42-6, Boden 5-0-35-1; Topley 6-2-18-0; Stephenson 11-0-42-3; Such 6-0-27-0.

Bonus points: Essex 4, Middlesex 4.

Umpires: N T Plews and B Dudleston.

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Northants on top, page 38

Team effort helps Baker keep challengers at bay

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN DÜSSELDORF

PLAYERS need more than a set of golf clubs to cut the mustard on the European Tour. They need their coach and psychologist as well. Peter Baker had both with him for the German Open at the Hubbelrath golf club here yesterday and, as a result, he coped well with the pressure of trying to get into the European Ryder Cup team.

The team will be finally decided at this tournament, and is all anyone is thinking about in this part of Germany, though some players are going out of their way to avoid admitting as much. Ronan Rafferty declined to talk about it, as if doing so might bring him bad luck in the way that actors refuse to mention Macbeth.

Baker is ninth in the Ryder Cup points table and the player in this position on Sunday evening will automatically be selected for Bernard Gallacher's team for The Belfry. He is the man the chasing players have in their sights and the 13-strong pack includes Rafferty, who had a 67, Sandy Lyle, Paul Broadhurst, David Gilford and Joakim Haeggman, who had 69s. Only Mark Roe and Jamie Spence did themselves no good. Roe had a 74, two over par, and Spence a 75.

So far, Baker is keeping ahead of them. He went round in 68, which contained only one bogey and four birdies, to leave him three strokes behind the joint leaders, Johan Rystrom, of Sweden, and Bernhard Langer.

Baker's attitude towards those who are are trying to claim his ninth place is competitive. "I am aware of the position I am in," he said. "My attitude is to make it as difficult for them as possible."

In this aim, he is being advised by two men, the first of whom is Denis Sheehy, the Leeds-based teaching professional and associate of David Leadbetter. Sheehy stayed with Baker during the English Open last week and was thus on hand to help him sort out the swing problems that occurred at the Forest of Arden course.

Baker scored 74 and 77 in the first and third rounds and 65 and 66 in the second and fourth. "It was a weird week, but at least I finished on the right note," he said.

The other person who has been helping him is Dr John Allsop, a sports psychologist, who is also here. Allsop, the soul of discretion, refuses to talk about his clients or even to reveal who some of them are.

Baker does not mind it being known, and they had sessions together on Wednesday afternoon and again after his round yesterday. "He told me to go out there and try to relax and let them worry about you rather than you about them," Baker said. "If I had been offered ninth place at the beginning of the season, I would have taken it. Now I'm there, I would like to stay there and be at The Belfry."

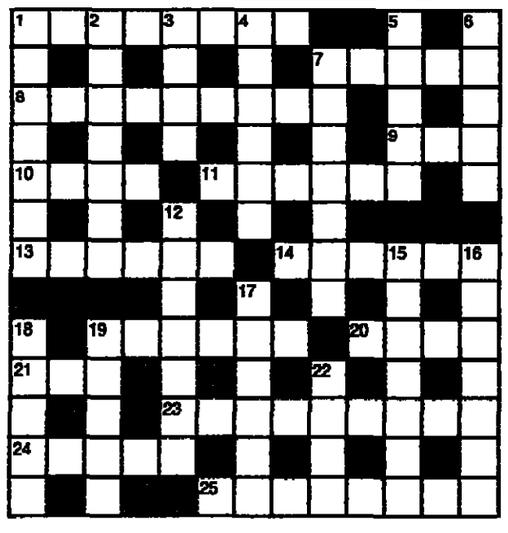
So would Lyle, despite giving the appearance of being in semi-retirement for most of the season. He hit 18 greens in regulation. Rafferty, too, for all his reticence to talk about the Ryder Cup, would like to be in Gallacher's team.

On Wednesday he said: "I want to play wonderful golf this week. That should give you some idea." Yesterday, under pressure, he conceded that to play in the Ryder Cup "would be a very enjoyable experience". It is one he might yet achieve but, to stand any chance of doing so, he must come no worse than fourth here.

SCORES FROM HUBBELRATH

FIRST ROUND (GB and Ireland unless stated) 65: B Langer (Ger), J Rystrom (Swe) 68: I Palmer (SA), H-P Thul (Ger), A Bossert (Switz), R Goosen (SA) 67: D Feherty, E Romero (Arg), J M Canizares (Sp), G Orr, S Ames (Trin), R Rafferty 69: P Baker, C Rocca (It), P O'Malley (Aus), R Chapman, J Quiros (Sp), D Hospital (Sp), C Montgomerie, P Lawrie, P Mayo 69: A Cejka (Ger), F Nobilo (NZ), D Gilford, P Broadhurst, M James, S Tinning (Den), M Sunesson (Swe), M Gates, G Lovemore (SA), G Hjerstedt (Swe), S Field, T Gedeon (Ger), A Sorensen (Den), J Haeggman (Swe), G Day (US), J Caceres (Arg), A Lyle, S Struver (Ger), T Johnstone (Zim), D Clarke, O Sellberg (Swe), T Levet (Fr), P Curry 70: S Luna (Sp), G Turner (NZ), G Cali (It), K Eriksson (Swe), J Camiles (Sp), R Drummond, D Curry, M Lorriner (Swe), M Krantz (Swe), J Rivero (Sp), M Davis, W Grady (Aus), C Moody, P Eakes, D Smyth, P Affleck, P Fulke (Swe) 71: P Walton, D Ray, B Lane, P Mitchell, M McLean, P Way, M Harwood (Aus), R Allenby (Aus), U Zilg (Ger), H Clark, P Fowler (Aus), M Mackenzie, R Hartmann (US), P Price, O Karlsson (Swe), J Robson, M Clayton (Aus) 72: J McHenry, C Williams, R Davis (Aus), P-U Johansson (Swe), R Claydon, K Waters, E O'Connell, M McNulty (Zim), S Richardson, M Pinero (Sp), S Ballesteros (Sp), A Forsbrand (Swe), D Cooper, M Bezancenay (Fr), R Alvarez (Arg), S Grappasonni (It).

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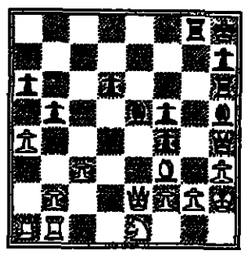
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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SCUNNER
a. To feel disgust
b. A shallow ladle
c. A thin coat of paint

PUNGY
a. A thick rope
b. Bouncy
c. A small boat

ROODGE
a. Make-up
b. To push
c. A shrill whistle

PYAL
a. Religious
b. Spherical
c. A raised platform

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